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NOTIFICATION

Registration of British Subjects for the year 1938.

The attention of British subjects resident in Shanghai is directed to the provisions of Article 215 of the China Order-in-Council, 1925, which provides for the compulsory annual registration of all British subjects during the month of January. Personal attendance is only necessary (1) in cases of original registration. (2) when the applicant is not in possession of a passport or (3) when any passport service in addition is required (e.g., renewal of passport, addition of names of children, endorsements for travel, etc.).

Registration will commence on January 4, and British subjects are requested either to present their passports personally, or to send them by a responsible British subject to the Passport Office of this Consulate-General between the hours of 9 a.m.-12 noon and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in order that the endorsement of registration may be made thereon.

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CONSUL-GENERAL.

British Consulate-General,
January 4, 1938.

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4 For. Y. lect. Mr. L. V. Arnoldov, 8.30
4 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30

Coming Events

JANUARY

5 For. Y 2nd term classes resume in Chinese, German, English, Marthematics, Physics, 6
5 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
6 Theosophical Soc., Open Meeting, 153 Nanking Rd., Public Invited, 6
6 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Anzac Soc. ann. gen. mtg. 12 Bund, 5.15
7 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Shai. Reel Club ann. gen. mtg. and 1st practice, B.F. recreation centre, 8.30
8 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
9 S.M. Orchestra Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
10 Choral Society 1st Practice Spring Season, 5.30
10 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
11 For. Y. lect. Mr. E. J. Ottewell, 8.30
12 Numismatic Soc. Meeting, 5.30
12 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
13 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
14 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
14 For. Y. Next evening of music, 8.30
15 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
18 For. Y. lect. Chap. F. R. Hamilton, 8.30
19 St. Patrick's Soc. ann. mtg. Palace, 5.15
25 For. Y. lect. Chap. F. R. Hamilton, 8.30

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Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our Office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

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Shanghai, December 20, 1937.

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SIR,—Looking at the prices of admission of the Cathay, Nanking and Paris cinemas, I think it a very good idea to have a "Refugee Tax" of 10 per cent. put on.

Why do not the rest of the cinemas do the same?

All cinemagoers that are going for their entertainment will enjoy it more to know that by going out for their enjoyment they are not only making themselves happy, but also the poor and destitute people whom they are helping.

Apart from the cinemas, I think the same should be done in all other places of entertainment, especially the cabarets. What little difference would it make, for instance, to all cabaretgoers to have 10 per cent. "Charity Tax" added on to their bills?

It would not stop the people from going to cinemas or cabarets, as it is a mere nothing, but on the other hand, a great help to the poor destitute people of Shanghai.

If this should come to practice with all people managing cabarets and other places of entertainment, I am sure it would be a considerable help to the poor starving people, about whom so very few people think, especially when they are out to enjoy themselves.

If this could be done, I would say heartily, "Go out folks, enjoy yourselves"—and you will make others happy just as yourselves.

More fun to all cinema and cabaret goers.

Z. V. S.

Shanghai, Jan. 3,

***READER and Y.M.W.:—Your communications require authentication by your names and addresses before they can be considered for publication.

"MUDDLED THINKING"

Yangtszepoo Resident's Views

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In reply to H.A.T. in to-day's "North-China," I would like to remind him or her that the duties of the Shanghai Municipal Police are not to defend this Settlement.

If we find that opposing forces are encroaching within the boundaries of this Settlement in order to carry on hostilities it is up to all civilians in these areas to get out and get out quickly if they have any sense.

Police duty is to keep law and order. In order to keep the Settlement boundaries intact in case of attack from outside there is necessary an amount of strength required as regards troops for defence. This strength did not exist in Shanghai when hostilities broke out on August 13, much to the regret of many residents.

As a resident of Yangtszepoo since August 28 until now, I would like to state that in my opinion and that of quite a number of others who were there with me the S.M.P. in this area did not take to their heels or give any sign of doing so. They did their job right through the trouble from August 13 until now to the very best of their ability.

I would like to add that the only guard we had was a police guard. Well done, S.M.P. I would also like to express my opinion and, I presume, many others' opinion that all residents of this unique International Settlement owe their very best thanks to the Shanghai Municipal Council for the great work they have achieved in guiding us through this very difficult few months during the hostilities which raged here.

FAIR PLAY.

Shanghai, Dec. 31.

AFTERMATH OF OLD WAR WOUND

Officer Wounded in Great War Goes Insane and Shoots Sister, a Brilliant Doctor

Twenty years ago a German bullet ripped through the head of a young English officer. In its path it grazed his brain. But he lived. One very ordinary casualty among millions of casualties. But that bullet was responsible for the death of a brilliant and beautiful woman, and a great tragedy in the life of an ideal English family, states the "Daily Express."

The officer was Maurice Odell Tribe, aged forty-three. The woman was his elder sister, Mrs. Naomi Dancy, aged forty-nine, mother of three children and a brilliant doctor.

Tribe shot her in her home at Queen's-road, Richmond, Surrey, recently.

He shot her because her eyes were beautiful—and his own sight was failing him.

The bullet that grazed his brain twenty years ago was slowly robbing him of both sight and sanity.

Eyes—as Mrs. Dancy's mother-in-law said were his obsession. His own eyes and his sister's eyes.

His last words to the sister he adored were, "Naomi, you have beautiful eyes!"

She went to her room. Her brother followed half an hour later and shot her—through both eyes.

For twenty years the sister had fought to save the last remnants of her brother's sight and sanity.

As she fell dead in the doorway of her room, Tribe ran crazily through the house, emptied his gun in the direction of her husband, Dr. John Dancy. Then, when he had no more bullets left, took his own life with a razor.

A few hours later, while Dr. Dancy's patients were being turned away from the house, the doctor sat in his consulting room telling a Scotland-yard officer details of the night's horror.

Dr. Dancy and his wife came home late the night before. Mrs. Dancy, surgeon as well as physician, worked in child welfare clinics during the day. At night she lectured all over London on birth control.

Maurice Tribe lived until recently in Maida Vale. He came to stay with his sister and brother-in-law only recently, so that they could treat him.

They had no idea that he might be dangerous.

Before she went to her room Mrs. Dancy repeated to her husband her brother's remark about her eyes.

Heard Two Shots

Half an hour later Dr. Dancy, still in his study typing, heard two shots.

He ran out and met Tribe, revolver in hand.

"What have you done?" he asked.

"I've shot Naomi: now I'll shoot you," he was told.

Tribe levelled his revolver. Dr. Dancy sprang for the light switch, plunged the room in darkness, and ducked.

Four bullets spattered the wall. The doctor waited in the darkness for the next move, calling in vain on his wife.

He heard Tribe blundering about the bathroom. Then there was silence.

Five minutes later he found his brother-in-law lying dead, with face and throat cut, razor in one hand, empty revolver in the other.

Dr. Dancy went to the telephone. Instinctively, he phoned Richmond ambulance station, while Katie, elderly housekeeper, stood horrified by his side. Then he telephoned the police.

Husband Prayed

When Fireman Gibbs and Fireman Lawrence arrived with the ambulance they tried to comfort him as best they could.

Dr. Dancy began to pray aloud. The firemen joined him.

Maurice Tribe went to the war straight from school in 1915. He fought in France as a second lieutenant with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding). He won the Military Cross.

He was brought home a physical wreck with terrible head wounds.

For seventeen years he fought against his disability. Operation followed operation.

Though always in pain, he interested himself in the Toc H movement and welfare work among young East End boys, loyally supplementing his sister's medical work among the poor.

The Rev. R. H. Gill, of St. Augustine's Church, Whitton, Middle-sex, was a close friend of Maurice Tribe for the last seven years of his life.

He worked among boys' clubs in the Bermondsey district, and always helped those who needed help," said Mr. Gill.

He would hold weekly meetings in the flat in Maida Vale where he lived with his wife, and gathered there the most cosmopolitan of crowds.

I would often see, when I called there, a number of ex-convicts together with men who held good positions in the city. To Maurice they were all friends."

Large Blue Eyes

They talked about all kinds of things. The crowd would sit around Maurice Tribe drinking tea and eating buns. The place became known as "Tribe's Den."

In the end his brain snapped.

Naomi Dancy was a rare woman—energetic, brilliant and beautiful. She was more interested in her work than in her beauty. Compliments annoyed her. She refused to sit for photographers and artists.

She had large blue eyes set in a tiny face. She was small and nervous.

She and her husband had parallel careers from their medical student days. Their love and marriage grew out of their work.

Naomi Dancy was deeply religious—an Anglo-Catholic—and was a Socialist.

She became assistant medical officer of health for Hammersmith and was in charge of clinics in the borough.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JANUARY 4, 1878

A correspondent of the "Daily Press," writing from Pontianak, gives some particulars about the Chinese emigrants who have settled in considerable numbers in the island of Borneo:—"The northern and western coasts were selected by some of the earlier emigrants as a field for their industry. They first settled near the coast, but gradually worked their way into the interior, where a handsome livelihood was to be obtained by labouring in the gold mines. As their numbers increased they began to form villages and to elect their chiefs, who of course did not fail to quarrel among themselves and to fight with each other. Thus the smaller communities were subdued by the more powerful ones, until only three independencies remained, who paid a land tax only to the Malay princes on whose territory they had settled. Now, only one of these independent Settlements remains, the other two having been destroyed by the Netherlands India Government. It is a curious fact that almost all these settlers are natives of the same part of China; they nearly all come from villages in the Kwangtung province. Though they came over to Borneo many years ago, and notwithstanding their marrying Dyak women, they still retain their own habits and customs. Their wives, although of Dyak origin, all speak Chinese, and their children do so too, which is not the case with the Fokien Chinese. These latter generally learn to speak Malay almost immediately, and their boys only begin to learn Chinese when this language becomes necessary to them in business, which is generally when they are about the age of sixteen. The girls mostly neglect Chinese altogether and speak only Malay. The Chinese in the interior of Borneo are peaceable and hospitable, and only fight when they are compelled to defend themselves against the fierce and blood-thirsty Dyaks, who try to get hold of their paddy. Their villages are clean and pretty, and their rice and sweet potato fields on the hillsides afford a picturesque sight to the traveller as do also the ancestral temples erected here and there on well-chosen spots.

S. V. C. Routine Orders

Corps Routine Orders by Colonel J. W. Hornby, M.C., Commanding Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

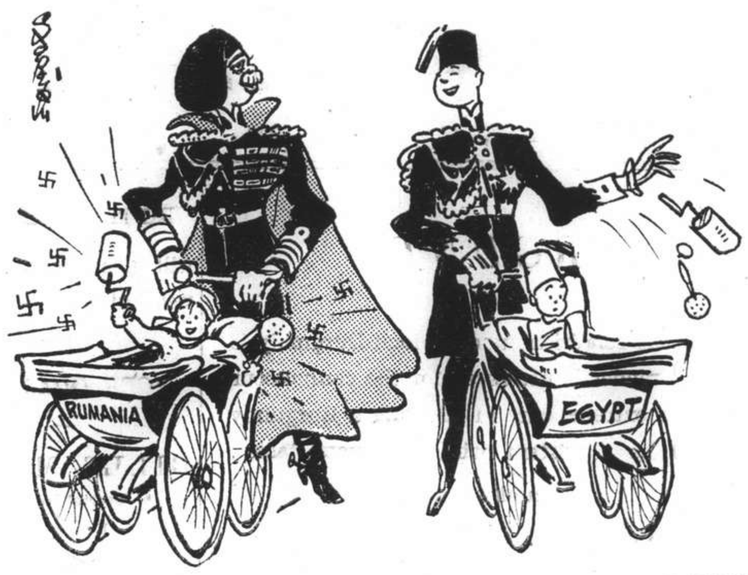
Officers:—The following extract from the Municipal Gazette dated Dec. 31, 1937, is published for information:—Reserve of Officers. Class "B":—Retirements:—Captain F. W. Poate, retires from the Corps with effect from Dec. 23, 1937 and is granted the retired rank of Captain with the right to wear the prescribed uniform.

Unit Command:—Lieutenant L. F. Bright assumes (temp.) command of the American (M.G.) Company with effect from Jan. 8, 1938.

Inter-Unit Transfer:—The undermentioned personal are transferred from the Interpreter Jan. 1, 1938.—Pte. K. C. Chen, Pte. S. M. Yang, Pte. G. F. Sung, Pte. C. C. Dzung, Pte. K. F. Woo, Pte. T. V. Woo, Pte. T. Z. Loh.

Strength:—(a) Increase:—The undermentioned is taken on the strength of the Corps and his unit on date shown:—"A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—O. E. Strand Dec. 28, 1937.

Leave:—American (M.G.) Co.—Captain J. B. Houghton from Jan. 7 1938 to Jan. 6 1939.



BY SAPAJOU

A DIFFERENCE IN UPBRINGING

TEN CONVICTED IN SWEEPSTAKE CASE

Conspiracy to Distribute Irish Sweep Tickets

TWO CONSTABLES SENT TO PRISON

Ten of the 17 defendants accused at Liverpool Assizes of conspiracy to distribute Irish sweepstake tickets were recently convicted. Two of them were police constables, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

The two policemen and four others were given terms of imprisonment, and fines totalling £1,050 were imposed on five men.

The other seven defendants were found not guilty and discharged.

The trial started on Nov. 9, and the summing up by Mr. Justice Singleton, took six hours. The jury were three hours and a half in reaching their verdicts.

The case for the prosecution was that men on the Dublin-Liverpool steamers carried suitcases full of sweepstake tickets and gave them to men at the docks. These men took the suitcases to waiting vehicles which were allowed by policemen to pass through the dock gates.

The tickets were taken to clearing houses for distribution throughout the country.

The Penalties

The sentences and fines were as follow:

P.c. Alexander John Macdonald, 41, Queen's-drive, Liverpool, nine months;

P.c. William Hugh Ronald, 32, Lingwell Road, Liverpool, nine months;

Frederick Andrew Woodall, 36, club proprietor, Warren-drive, Wallasey, nine months and £200 fine;

Thomas Edward Woodall, 30, tailor, Rackford, Cheshire, six months;

Frederick William Woodall, 60, a tailor, father of the other Woodalls, fined £500;

William Leonard Newcombe, 36, clerk, Rullerton-road, Wallasey, six months;

Felix Theodore Jackson, 34 motor engineer Chatham-street, Liverpool, fined £200;

Thomas Banks, 48, stevedore, St. John's-road, Eastham, Wirral, four months;

William Green, 50, motor driver Roselane, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, fined £50;

Michael John Waters 27, traveller, Whernside-road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham, fined £100.

All the sentences were in the second division.

Not Guilty

The following were found not guilty and were discharged:

P.c. Lawrence Grey Paterson, 40, Greylands-road, Liverpool;

Arthur Colligan, 53, watchman, Kingsland-crescent, Liverpool;

Patrick Arkins, 47, seaman, Eastroad, Dublin;

John Sheridan, 42, seaman, Back-lane, Baldoyle, Dublin;

Thomas Walsh, 41, seaman, College-street, Baldoyle;

Alexander Crosbie, 42, labourer, Lambourne-road, Liverpool;

William James Trevaskiss, 38, labourer, Blair-street, Bootle.

The judge ordered the three Woodalls to pay the costs of the prosecution in both the police and assize courts.

In addition to the conspiracy charge the Woodalls were found guilty of conspiring to use the house, "Ye Berrie Knowle," West Derby, Liverpool, for sweepstake purposes. F. A. Woodall was also found guilty of possessing tickets for distribution and using other premises for lottery purposes. Thomas Edward Woodall was found not guilty of possessing tickets.

Newcombe was found guilty of possessing tickets and of using premises for lottery purposes. Jackson was found guilty of possessing tickets and permitting premises to be used for a lottery. Banks was found guilty of possessing tickets.

P.c. Macdonald was found not guilty of corruptly accepting money from Stringer, but guilty of corruptly giving money to another constable.

"Two Avoid Arrest"

Insp. Sullivan said that Frederick Andrew Woodall was considered, along with two other men who had so far avoided arrest, to be the brains and leading spirit behind the conspiracy.

He was fined £25 at Liverpool in January, 1933, for being concerned in bringing advertisements and notices relating to the Irish sweepstake into this country. In June, 1936, at Silloth, Cumberland, he was fined £100 on each of three charges concerned with the possession of sweepstake tickets.

On that occasion Woodall and other men were coming from the docks when two cars were intercepted by constables and 900,000 sweepstake tickets were found.

Green, said Inspr. Sullivan, was a widower with seven children. It was his statement to the police which led to the arrest of the others.

Newcombe, he said, had previously been fined £25 in each of three cases of possessing sweepstake tickets. Thomas Edward Woodall had also been fined.

Waters, he added, had been employed by Daniel Fleming—who was missing—in selling and distributing tickets at which he was earning £5 5s. a week.

RICH ARMENIAN GETS BRITISH HOME

Judge Held that Gulbenkian Had British Domicile

SON OF ONE OF WORLD'S RICHEST MEN

Judgment was given in the Divorce Court concerning the domicile of the son of one of the world's richest men.

Mr. Justice Langton held that Mr. Nubar Sarkis Gulbenkian, son of Mr. Carlous E. S. Gulbenkian, had an English domicile of choice, states the "Daily Herald."

The issue arose out of a divorce petition lodged in 1936 by Mrs. Doré Gulbenkian, wife of Mr. Nubar Gulbankian. She claimed that her husband's domicile was England.

This was disputed by Mr. Gulbenkian, who was divorced in France before their marriage in 1928.

Giving judgment on the preliminary issue, Mr. Justice Langton said it was agreed that Mr. Nubar Gulbenkian's father was an Armenian by birth. Nubar was born in 1896 near Constantinople, and three months later his father left Turkey for England.

"It is apparently," he continued, "a matter of family legend that Nubar made a portion of the journey in a bag which formed part of the family belongings."

In 1902 the father took steps to obtain British naturalisation.

Nubar received an English education at a preparatory school, at Harrow and at Cambridge.

From 1906 onwards Mr. Carlous Gulbankian and his wife led a life which alternated between London and the Continent.

Nubar divided his holidays between those various places and no doubt acquired in consequence a cosmopolitan outlook.

Estate Companies

Nubar produced in evidence a bewildering series of passports and registration certificates which he had utilised on his travels and established beyond dispute that he was now a naturalised Persian subject.

It appeared, said Mr. Justice Langton, "that the Gulbenkian family have the idiosyncrasy of forming a limited liability company upon any occasion on which they propose to acquire real estate.

Thus there has recently been formed in this country a company bearing the romantic name of l'Aiglon Estates, Limited, for the sole purpose of acquiring a house in Mayfair destined for the use of some member of the family.

It was suggested in cross-examination of Mr. Nubar Gulbenkian that this family habit and his own professed obscurity of mind as to his domicile, together with the acquisition of a Persian nationality, were all of them steps adopted and adapted to secure the family and himself from the unwelcome attention of the Revenue authorities.

Mr. Nubar Gulbenkian did not for a moment suggest that his enthusiasm for his new-found allegiance to Persia was likely to lead him to adopt a residence in an Asiatic clime."

It was probably true to say that Mr. Carlous Gulbenkian was principally resident in Paris and his son principally resident in England.

Gigantic Wealth

The son was continually renting English houses or flats. He was the representative of his father in respect of considerable commercial interests in London.

It would appear that the father was a man of great, one might almost say gigantic, wealth, and Nubar told the court that he was in reality dependent upon his father for every penny of his income.

It may be," added the judge, "that in the power of the purse the father still retains the last word, but I doubt whether that last word has ever been or will be spoken."

He had no doubt that Nubar had an overwhelming preference for England, and that, unless he was confronted with the certainty that by so doing he would lose his inheritance, he would, if faced with the necessity of making a deliberate determination, declare for an English domicile.

It is pleasant to reflect that if my determination of the matter be correct, and if Nubar be genuine in his expressed desire to have this knotty point resolved, I have succeeded in giving to a genetleman to whom Sir Patrick Hastings referred as a 'wandering Armenian,' a home in the country which he most admires."

Miss Dora Lee, daughter of a Unitarian Minister, was not given away when married at her father's church at Taunton recently. Her father the Rev. John Lee, who conducted the ceremony, said "It is not legally necessary for a bride to be given away, and the modern woman doesn't want to be given away. That part of the ceremony goes back to the time when a woman was regarded as a chattel, the absolute possession of her father, and, therefore, as one who could be given away by him.

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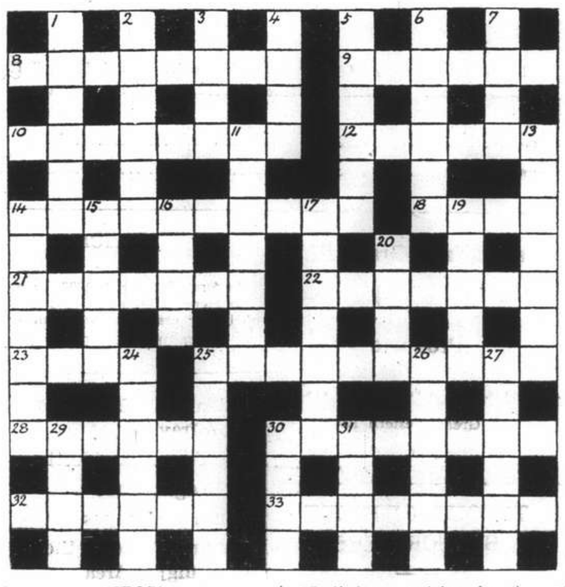

ACROSS

8 One of those devoted friends
9 Book of the O.T.
10 Presumably this kind of window is never lowering
12 What is nowadays here looks like an ungallant command
14 Sad as a jockey who is thrown
18 "That full star that ushers in the ——" (Shakespeare)
21 He is enough to make an Irishman disturb the peace
22. An early scientist
23. Bring round this for making a gap
25 Prepare, old fellow, for the last fight
28 Wherein nowadays not only criminals find their movements limited
30 Rich enough
32 Society island
33 Only one is strange

DOWN

1 It looks as if part of this pipe should be connected with a line
2 Preliminary training for the race perhaps
3 Bird that is often smoked
4 Hard wood this
5 Humour starts inside
6 The cause of trouble between Tweedledum and Tweedledee
7 Covering for a lawyer or a doctor
11 "Lost her" (anag.)
13 Ill, not in the street we hope
14 Tree associated with mourning
15 Wherein one usually finds a 10 across
16 Gladly of old
17 "Avenger" (anag.)
19 Sound (yet silent perhaps)
20 Colour
24 Commonly exciting
25 Attack enough to spoil the health of a fool
26 Not a straightforward route
27 A peculiar fellow who is often out
29 What is upset
30 One can still go to this bit of the coast and yet stay inland
31 She was a famous singer

FINE SURGICAL CASE

Boy and Girl to Be Made Siamese Twins

In a last desperate bid for her life, surgeons in Washington Hospital are to make a dark-skinned girl of thirteen and a coloured boy of sixteen Siamese Twins.

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Clara has bravely fought for life for a year, since she was severely burned. All attempts to graft skin on to her body have failed.

But now her strength, so gravely sapped, is ebbing. We told her mother that this experiment alone might save her."

Well, do it at once. Save her. It is worth everything. She must live," was Mrs. Howard's reply.

So Dr. Moran is to use John's healthy body for his most dangerous operation.

Never Done in England

A famous English plastic surgeon told the "Daily Mirror":—

As far as I know, an operation of this kind has never been performed in this country—in most cases skin is grafted from the patient's own body.

But the operation is quite possible. It would mean that a 'flap' of skin corresponding to the size of the disfigurement would have to be cut from the boy's body and stitched on to the girl's face or body.

The boy and girl would have to lie together to a fixed position for at least ten days.

The boy's blood will be circulating with the blood of the girl, and after the 'flap' has 'joined' it will be cut and the rest of the flesh stitched on to the girl's body. The 1½lb. of flesh seems excessive, however.

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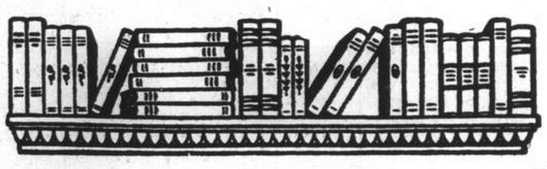

OXFORD FROM WITHIN

OXFORD LIMITED.—By Keith Briant. Michael Joseph. London. 10/6.

Mr. Briant really deserves congratulations at the beginning of this review for having written a book about Oxford which is almost completely unautobiographical. When I remember how many undergraduate quarrels and trivial personalities have been perpetuated in print, with cryptic dedications—"For Peter, in spite of everything" was one of them—it is pleasant to come across a book written by a junior member of the University which tries to give a survey of the whole of Oxford life, biased though his point of view may seem.

The Women's Colleges

My first impression was that Mr. Briant had got very excited about a number of things which do not loom nearly so big in the life of the ordinary man or woman undergraduate as he seems to think. He cites, in particular, instances of the unfortunate application of the asinine rules supposed to govern women's colleges; but he doesn't realize that the women undergraduates in question must have goaded the long-suffering authorities beyond endurance before they took action. The Principals and Fellows of most of the women's colleges are busy and quite reasonably sensible women—though there is the usual allowance of dried-up and unimaginative spinsters—and my experience was that they paid little attention to the extra-curricular activities of their pupils unless those activities were too noisy and blatant for even them to disregard, or unless the girl had a chance of getting a First, in which case she was wrapped in cotton-wool and fed hot milk in the evenings and cries of despair went up every time she asked for late leave. Of course the practice in different women's colleges varied; one of them was notoriously run like a glorified boarding-school but even there discretion and good reports from one's tutor went a long way towards making it possible to lead a normal and reasonable life. At my college requests for late leave were almost never refused and the flimsies' excuse—"dinner and bridge with friends from London"—served. The 12 o'clock rule was rigidly enforced but that was equally true of the men's colleges; on the other hand it was remarkably easy to arrange to spend the night away from college without anyone's being the wiser and many surreptitious trips to London were indulged in. Mr. Briant compares unfavourably the lot of women at Oxford with that of women in American colleges but on the whole we didn't fare so badly. If the rules in American colleges are more liberal they at least are more strictly enforced while at Oxford one can, within the limitations mentioned above, do just about as one pleases. Whether that is a good thing or not depends on one's point of view and also on the individual women concerned.

Modern Outspokenness

Sex rears its ugly head early in the book and I shall try to tackle the reviewing of it as bravely as Mr. Briant does the recounting. He neatly divides the subject into four headings—Masturbation, Homosexuality, Lesbianism and "Normal" Sex. After the war homosexuality at Oxford was the fashion and individual "aesthetes" were as much in vogue as beauties in Edwardian days but the fashion had passed by the 1930's and the limelight now centres much more on the Union and the Labour Club. As far as "Normal" sex is concerned, inevitably a certain number of love-affairs—in the fullest sense of the term—occur, a good many of them between engaged couples with the prospect of a long and uncertain wait before marriage can take place. They are a curious blend of romanticism and practicality and on the whole do more good than harm to the individuals concerned. The rather lurid account of "orgies" planned to seduce innocent female freshers sounds pretty exaggerated to me; young men in search of that sort of amusement are much more likely to arrange for a week-end in London. Because, be it said to the credit of the Proctors, professional prostitutes are almost unknown in Oxford during term-time and would be given very short shrift by the authorities if they did appear.

The Autocrats

That brings us on to the subject of proctors and their extraordinary authority. Very early in the history of the University powers usually given only to the civil authorities of a town passed to, or rather were taken by, the University authorities. Theoretically the University authorities can refuse anyone permission to live within the city limits and can put out of bounds to undergraduates any place on the outskirts of Oxford of which they disapprove. All pubs are out of bounds and all dance-halls, the latter apparently on the assumption that the working-girl of Oxford town is a vicious and predatory female only waiting to get her claws into unsuspecting and innocent undergraduates. During the last few years, however, Oxford proctorial discipline has come very much into the limelight following one or two quite outrageous episodes attacking fundamental rights of free speech. The members of the University Peace Council were informed in November 1936 that they would not be allowed to join as a body in the procession to the War Memorial and if they wished to place a wreath on the Memorial the name of the Society must not be inscribed upon the wreath and it must be laid by only two members who were to take it to the Memorial in a taxi. This action was bitterly resented by every section of university opinion and protesting letters were written to all of the leading newspapers including the "Manchester Guardian" and "The Spectator," signed by Presidents and Secretaries of every important undergraduate organization. Senior members of the University joined in the outcry and in the end the Proctors were forced to concoct a thoroughly lame excuse. It seems incredible that the University authorities could have been so ill-advised as to attempt an action of this sort and the prompt reaction of all shades of opinion will at least be a warning for the future.

Full Circle

Mr. Briant has an interesting chapter on the history of Oxford which taught me a lot of things I should have known before. It is interesting to remember that Oxford, which started as a poor scholars' university and which during the eighteenth and early nineteenth century degenerated into a glorified finishing-school where the sons of wealthy men worked off their wild oats, is again returning to its original status; more than half the undergraduates are subsidized in one way or another and the proportion of men who go up simply to spend three years amusing themselves and spending too much money is now infinitesimal.

Vocal Reformers

But to return for a minute to a remark which I made at the beginning of the review—that Mr. Briant was excited about a lot of things which matter little to the ordinary undergraduate. This should be accounted praise rather than condemnation; it is only the vocal reformers who are willing to make themselves unpopular with the authorities by protesting against conditions which most people would rather accept or quietly evade, who ever improve matters. And there are a lot of things about Oxford which need changing, especially matters concerning the government of the University. Abraham Flexner, the American educator, in his classic book on universities said that it

> ....would seem difficult to devise a type of organization less calculated to make progress—as machinery it is poor, cumbrous, unwieldy and wasteful....

Every change takes years to accomplish because of the opposition of the older dons who remember their own youth through a rosy haze and see no reason for things to be changed for the present generation. But the changes are slowly takng place; a knowledge of Greek has now been abolished as a condition for entrance and doubtless Latin will follow it one day. The pointless Divinity exam breathed its last a few years ago and the question of viva voce exams for the final schools is now being fought and after being chewed over by Congregation for a few more sessions they will doubtless be abandoned. From the undergraduate's point of view the next big improvement will be the abolishing of Pass Moderations so that he will have the whole of his three years instead of only two and a bit to concentrate on his own subject.

The stranger to Oxford may find the book a bit startling; there are many people who should read it and ponder its complaints and suggestions. —NADYS.

AN EASTERN TOUR

UNCENSORED FAR EAST.—By H. Hessell Tiltman. Illustrated. Jarrolds, London. 12/6.

Mr. Tiltman's gifts of vivid observation and his capacity for digesting facts are attractively allied to assist an agile pen in producing what might not unfairly be called a popular guide to the Far East. The technique requires somewhat naive references to secret service reticence and curiosity. This is illustrated by Mr. Tiltman's title which, perhaps, does less than justice to the value of much of the material which it covers. Taking as he does such a rapid survey of the Far East from Singapore to Japan, it is not to be expected that he can always keep on the right side of accuracy. Thus he does not seem to understand that Hongkew is as much part of the International Settlement as the Central District and indeed is not purely an enclave but actually comprises vast British and other foreign interests as well. So his list of the inhabitants of the Settlement specifically includes 30,000 Japanese who, according to him, live outside that area.

"Kiharu" Tokyo's English-speaking Geisha.

Shanghai Gangsters

It is to be expected that night life in Tokyo and Shanghai receives ample attention, although Mr. Tiltman is frank enough to recognize in regard to Shanghai that the exploitation of the wickedness of the modern Babylon has been overdone:

> Actually, while Shanghai's night-haunts are no places for infants, it is high time that the "modern Babylon" myth was exploded. There is not one sin to be found in the whole length and breadth of that "cesspool" which is not angled before the visitor to Malaga, Genoa, or Marseilles. In regard to every aspect of the vice-racket except two, Port Said could give Shanghai points and win hands down. Night-life in the greatest sea-port of the East is unique only because its blonde Russian gold-diggers are more accomplished than their sisters elsewhere, and its vice-gangs have attained an affluence and standing unknown even at Chicago in its heyday. The gangsters of Shanghai state quite frankly that they tried to teach Chicago the ropes, but somehow the American "amateurs" just couldn't get the hang of things. And even the briefest investigation into the gang activities at Shanghai suggests that the boast is true.

So too, in dealing with the traffic in narcotics, he is sufficiently vivacious in his assertions, but he sticks strictly to the documents of the League of Nations for the background of his drama. He has an amusing chapter on the working of the censorship in Japan and he preserves an equilibrium which enables him to appreciate the military virtues of that country without turning a blind eye to less admirable traits.

The Open Hand

But it must be confessed that there is more drama than guidance in Mr. Tiltman's narrative. For his obligations necessitate that even the official activities of quite ordinary folk should be transformed by the spotlight. Into this comes, for example, the blameless figure of the representative of the Export Credits Department:

> Then here were the activities of Mr. William Kirkpatrick, travelling up and down China fairly begging the Chinese to let him lend them millions of pounds on simple note of hand. The obvious thing for Japan to have done was to offer the Chinese lashings of yen without even requesting a signature in exchange; but philanthropy never was Japan's strong point, and anyway she hadn't got the money. Added to which was the difficulty that China had no use for yen.

Situation Unchanged

And yet he is frequently effective in applying this method to summarize the situation:

> By one of those coincidences frequently noted in the Far East, while Prince Konoye, on one side of the Yellow Sea, demands "international justice." General Chiang Kai-shek, on the other, is demanding the self-same thing, and arming, psychologically and physically to get it. Farther north the Kwantung Army still maintains ceaseless watch on Comrade Bluecher's gallant lads; the United States still contemplates withdrawal from the Philippines, the Chinese still persist in being poor; Soviet Russia still declares that every inch of Soviet soil will be defended to the last moujik; Manchoukuo still awaits "zero hour," when the Russian steam-roller will be set in motion and history made afresh on those northern plains: the flag of the Rising Sun still waves over nearly a million square miles of nominally Chinese territory.

Looking Forward

As for the future, he ventures to make a prophecy:

> The Pacific and Eastern Asia are, and will remain, in the throes of revolutionary change. Japanese ambitions are probably much what they were. But the monopoly of power is drifting away from Tokyo, which has its hands full already. Whether temporarily or permanently remains to be seen. The British Empire and the United States count for more than they have done at any time in the last twenty years and will, it seems, assume even more dominant roles in the near future. Britain is once more in the ascendant as a military Power. The enormous potential power and influence of the United States is thrown firmly into the scales on the side of honourable and decent relations between nations. Trade over the whole Pacific is expanding. China is becoming a little more prosperous, even if it is a slow and prolonged process. Bit by bit Asia is opening its windows to the twentieth century.

How far he is right there the various forces now at work are endeavouring to show.—E.H.

A BOY OF THE GORGES

CHINA QUEST.—By Elizabeth Forman Lewis. John C. Winston Co., Philadelphia. G.$2.00.

This is a book that will colour the imagination of youth. It is a story, a country, and an epoch, woven inseparably into a work of art. It justifies the reputation of its author who won the John Newbery Medal a few years ago.

What "Hans Brinker or The Silver Skates" was for me and many of my generation, "China Quest" will be for modern boys and girls: a window opening into a new world that is simultaneously a dream world and reality. The magic of such books is that they evoke not only persons but also particular places. Mrs. Lewis proved her ability to produce such magic when she wrote "Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze" in 1932. I cannot to this day think of Chungking without remembering the characters in that story and seeing the streets and shops and, above all, the river front, as Mrs. Lewis describes them or rather, conjures them up before her readers.

His Rocky Home

In "China Quest," too, one visits the precipitous gorge of the Upper Yangtze. It seems the inevitable background for the boy, Wang Li-san; yet it is more than a background, it is a part of him that he never loses though he travels far. We meet him first "a thousand feet up the rocky, perpendicular side of the gorge," and through his many vicissitudes and wanderings we never dissociate him from that environment and that way of living. Perhaps the Chinese, who attach great importance to birthplaces, understand such connections better than we, though Thomas Hardy and Emily Brontë certainly knew the secret of the bond between persons and places. Obviously, Mrs. Lewis knows it too. Reading her books one never feels that one is being led about in a strange country by a guide, but rather that one is living there, making every discovery for oneself. There are no "descriptive passages" to skip—they are all part of the story, because Mrs. Lewis knows how to weave her pattern.

China Complete

Particularly now when China is passing through a crisis from which she may emerge not altogether as she was, "China Quest" is an interesting and valuable record. It gives us China complete—the ancient and modern blended in the thousand unbelievable ways that have characterized the nineteen-thirties in that vast, ill-leavened republic. There are aeroplanes and there are superstitious fears of evil spirits, motor buses and bandits, rickshaws and modern business methods.

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Through The Mike

Rotating Aerials

According to the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant," a leading Netherlands newspaper, wireless transmitters desiring to beam their broadcasts on different quarter of the globe have, so far, been compelled to erect a series of aerials for the various directions required. The report states that at Huizen, Holland, Philips Radio have installed a new system of rotating aerials. Two pylons, mounted on a moveable platform in some ways similar to an engine turntable—and worked by electric motors, are fitted with eight vertical aerials, each consisting of three insulated sections, constituting in this manner 24 dipole aerials. It is further stated that each supporting pylon weighs 18 tons. By means of the motors the platform is made to turn in order to beam the respective aerials on the required area overseas to which it is desired to beam the broadcast.

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Call-Sign Changed

Lisbon's CT1AA, which operates on 31.09 metres, 9.65 mc/s, has now changed its call-sign to CS2WA. Radio Catolica ("Radio Renascenca"), also in Lisbon, has also changed its call-sign and is now known as CS2WD. The latter station operates on a wave-length of 50.25 m., and a frequency of 5.977 mc/s.

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Cryptic

One of the Home radio journals contains an amusing anecdote about a wife and her radio-minded husband. One night, as she was going through his poc——er, one night she found a note reading:—"Did you 49.92m. good good times with 352.9?" Underneath, in her hubbie's writing, was his reply:—"No such luck, 238.5m. was there." After trying for some time to decipher it, she took it to an expert, who consulted a list of radio stations and then said: "Pardon me, but is your Christian name Florence?" "Yes," was the reply, "how did you know?" He explained that it had occurred to him that the mysterious figures looked like wave-lengths, so he filled in the appropriate stations' names, and the result was:—"Did you Havana good time with Sofia?" "No such luck, Florence was there!"

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Radio Newspapers

It is reported that an American company has been formed in the United States, somewhere near Sacramento, to start facsimile newspapers. The idea is that subscribers to the service leave devices in their homes switched on all night; broadcasts take place at intervals from a radio station sending out printed news, and possibly photographs, charts, etc. The receiver will print these messages as picked up during the night, and in the morning all the householder has to do is to take out his radio "newspaper" from the receiver instead of from the letter-box.

SHORT WAVE RADIO

To-day's Broadcasts

Daventry, England.—Trans. 1, from *15.15 to 17.30 o'clock*, 16.86 metres, 25.53m; 31.55. Trans 2, 18.45 to 21.55 13.93m; 13.97m; 16.86m; 19.76m; Trans, 3, *22.15 to 1.00* 13.98m; 13.97m; 16.86m; 19.82m; 25.53m.

Via Hongkong.—31.49m.

Berlin, Germany.—*13.05 to 24.00*, 31.38m; 19.74m; 16.89m; 31.45m; 19.68m.

Rome, Italy.—*19.45 to 21.20 and 22.00 to 23.30*, 25.4m.

Australia.—*10.45 to 21.30*, 31.34m.

Paris, France.—*15.00 to 18.00*, 25.24m; *18.00 to 24.00*, 19.86m; *00.15 to 7.00*, 25.34; *7.15 to 14.00*, 26.00m.

Manila, P.I.—*6.30 to 9.00 and 19.00 to 23.00*, 25.38m; 31.35m. Sundays, *18.00 to 24.00*.

Tokyo, Japan.—*21.00 to 22.00*, 25.42m; 19.79m.

Abridged Programmes

The letters in parenthesis indicate from which of the above stations the broadcast is made.

13.10 Music for all (B)
14.00 News in German (B)
15.00 News (P), (B)
15.30 Musical meditation (B)
16.15 "BBC Ballroom" (D)
16.30 Popular music (A)
16.45 "Sunshine" songs (D), Sports news/notes (A)
16.55 Organ recital (D)
17.00 News in French (P), Tenor recital (B)
17.20 News (A), "Old Folks at Home," 4 (D)
17.30 News (P), in German (B)
17.40 News in Italian (P)
17.45 "Thoughts and Things" (B)
18.00 News (D), Light music (B)
18.45 Beethoven symphonies, 1 (D)
19.00 Concert (B), (P)
19.40 Chamber music (D)
19.43 Varied, till 21.20 (R)
20.00 News (B), (P)
20.15 "Guildhall" (D)
20.45 Forum Theatre Orches. (D)
20.45 Forum Theatre Orches. (D)
21.00 News in German (B)
21.15 "Court of 'Not-So-Common, Please!'" (D), Picture book (B)
21.30 News (D), in French (P)
22.00 News (B), Handel's music (D), Varied till 23.30 (R)
22.15 "Take Your Choice" (D)
22.30 Concert (P), Songs by Grieg (B)
22.45 "Sunshine" songs (D)
23.00 Arthur Salisbury's Orchestra (D)
23.15 Tenor recital (B)
23.45 Health for Workers (B)
24.00 News (D)
00.20 Violin recital (D)
00.40 "Do We Understand English?" (D)
00.00 Special news, 31.48 (SCH)

THE HOLY SPRINGS OF BALI

Visit to Tampaksiring and its Strange Legend: Graves of Kings

IN the pleasant coolness of the early morning our motor car rolled along the excellent asphalte roads of Bali through an avenue of waving palm trees that stretched far into the distance. The busy people of the island were already hard at work. Many women were carrying their wares to market, gracefully striding with undulating gait as they balanced their loads loose on their heads. In the fields men were slowly stepping behind burly water buffaloes that were drawing ploughs through the stiff, water-covered loam. Others were treading down the heavy clumps of clay, while elsewhere again men and women, constantly stooping, were pulling the young rice shoots out of the irrigated nursery fields and placing them in sheaves to be replanted in their final positions, states Dr. B. A. G. Vroklage in the "Nederland Mail."

Further along I saw the ricefields, void of human beings, left to themselves in the fierce sun of the tropics that between the heat and the well-watered soil the rice might steadily ripen. In one place I saw the thin green shoots of the sprouting rice just piercing the water's surface, while elsewhere sturdy plants, a couple of feet high and more, grew lustily in fields from which the water had been drained. Finally, where the grain was ripening in the ears, I saw men returning to the fields to erect bamboo shelters, their floors raised above the level of the rice, from which he might scare away the innumerable paddy birds until the harvest had been safely cut and garnered. Thus within a distance of hardly ten miles, I saw every process of the planting, growing and reaping of rice all taking place at the same time! It was a surprising spectacle for one just arrived from Europe where there is one time for sowing, and another for harvesting. In this blessed island where there is always an adequate supply of water streaming down from the hills to irrigate every field the whole process of sowing, replanting and reaping goes on without interruption all the year round.

Visit to a Temple

As soon as we left our car to visit one of the temples we were surrounded by men who offered to guide us or to carry our photographic apparatus for us. Unfortunately the influx of tourists had already led them to depart from the modesty and courtesy which elsewhere is the normal practice of the charming Balinese people in dealing with Europeans. In the course of my tours I was accompanied by a Balinese guide, I Gusti Kloet Gdé by name, whose culture and knowledge were of considerable value to my studies. He was greatly perturbed by his countrymen's behaviour and spoke with anger of this so-called tourism that tended to spoil his country. When I told how differently I viewed his country and his people, his national susceptibilities in due course seemed appeased.

The Holy Springs

Not far from the little village of Tampaksiring are the holy springs, here called "Tirta empul" which means "water sources." There is a whole conglomeration of buildings and tanks, by the side of which stands the country place of the Prince Anak Agung of Gianyur which he visits from time to time. What the waters of the Ganges are to the Hindus of India these springs are to the Balinese.

Of their origin my guide told me the following legend—"In early times Bali was ruled by a fierce demon whose name was Maya Denawa, which means "the demon who makes himself invisible." He was a bad king who ruled his country harshly and without justice. Naturally this demon had no religion, so he was an enemy of the gods. Sankiyang Indra, a son of Ciwa, therefore set out to destroy Maya Denawa, and their armies engaged each other. After a long and bloody battle Maya Denawa's army was defeated. But when the champions of Indra went to slake their thirst in the river, Maya Denawa who had made himself invisible entered the water and made it poisonous, so that all who drank it died. This proved too much for Indra. In his anger he dropped a stick on to the earth and at the spot where it struck the soil he caused a spring to burst forth. From its waters the soldiers of Indra's army could now drink with impunity and recover their strength. Then Indra led his forces into battle and defeated the army of the demon who was himself slain by Indra. To this day Indra's spring continues to pour forth its holy water.

People come to it from all over the island to bathe in it, to drink it, and to carry some of it home, that they may sprinkle it on their houses and implements. Bathing is only allowed in the second tank where there are a number of showers from which the water pours out that is used for the spiritual ablutions. In the upper tank only the gods may bathe, which they do once every year. As this tank consequently is not disturbed its bottom is covered with water plants and there are great quantities of fish in it. Further down, in a corner of the group of structures, a separate tank has been made in which Europeans may swim.

Graves of Kings

About twenty minutes from these springs, carved in the walls of a narrow river valley lie the socalled Graves of the Kings. The shallow river which normally runs through this gorge may during the spate rise to the dimensions of a seething torrent. The view through the gorge on to the ricefields and palm groves beyond is one of the loveliest vistas, even for Bali. The five graves in the flanks of the valley can still be clearly seen. They are said to date from the 9th or the 11th century A.D. and are supposed to be the tombs of a Javanese king and his wives. Although this is unlikely, the fact remains that the shrines are similar in shape to the chandis of Java. And the same applies to the four graves on the other side of the valley. Whoever those may be that have here been interred, it is not unreasonable to assume that there must have been some connection between these graves in Bali and the civilization of Java. And that is what one might well expect, since history teaches that it was from Java that the Hinduistic culture spread to Bali.

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ENGAGEMENTS

THOMAS—AKERMAN.—The engagement is announced between WILLIAM LLEWELLYN only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Thomas of Kingswood, Bristol, and EILEEN MARY only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Akerman of Shanghai. -57

LAEUEN—RITTER.—Shanghai, January 1, 1938. KURT LAEUEN to INNA RITTER. -62

DEATHS

YOUNG WONG.—On Sunday, November 21, 1937, at the War Memorial Hospital, Hongkong, Mr. YOUNG WONG, aged 50 years, Secretary-General of the Chung Hsing Coal Mining Company and beloved husband of Mrs. Young Wong, née Lily Wei. Services in memory of the deceased will be held after the arrival of the remains in Shanghai, on Sunday, January 16, 1938, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the China Funeral Directors 640 Avenue Haig. Friends are invited to attend. -50

ANDREWS.—On Sunday, January 2, 1938, at The Country Hospital, Shanghai, MARY ELIZABETH ANDREWS, aged 2 years, the dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy E. Andrews. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral Services will be held to-morrow, Wednesday, January 5, at the Hungjao Road Cemetery, at 3 p.m.

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JAPAN'S TERMS

The terms upon which Japan is ready to make peace with China have, according to authoritative sources in Hankow, been communicated by the German Ambassador in Tokyo to Dr. O. Trautmann, German Ambassador to China, and in this news comes confirmation of earlier reports that Germany was seeking to bring the two countries together. Bitter as is the pill which has been administered, in considering what attitude China may be expected to adopt towards the proposals it has always to be remembered that the terms will probably become severer if hostilities are prolonged. The question which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has to answer is whether he will accept the terms now offered or continue the struggle in the hope that by inflicting further considerable economic damage upon Japan the latter may be induced to modify her demands. It was very right and proper that just prior to the fall of Nanking endeavours should have been made to ascertain whether there were any basis for peace in existence. The occupation of the capital marked an early and possibly definite stage in the hostilities, and the lull in the fighting along the Yangtze may as well be due to a desire to give the Chinese Government a breathing space in which to review the whole situation, as to the wish of the Japanese high command to give its forces a welcome rest. The German activities in Tokyo and Hankow have proved valuable in that they have elicited information concerning the minimum aims Japan has in mind, and, if the terms are as they are now reported to be, it will not be surprsing if they cause the gravest disappointment. If they represent the least Japan requires, what will be the price of peace in the event of a long-drawn-out-war? Of the six reported terms four were to be expected, namely China's adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact, the stationing of permanent Japanese garrisons in China, the creation of demilitarized zones in areas specified by Japan and the formation of an independent government in Inner Mongolia. The first represents, if accepted by China, the fulfilment of Japan's alleged aim in opening hostilities; the second is designed to secure satisfactory performance of any pledges which China may give in the course of settlement; the third provides for the neutralization of such areas as that surrounding Shanghai, with possible extension of the scheme to other ports; and the last contemplates the provision of a buffer state between North China and the sovietized Outer Mongolia.

The demand for the conclusion of a Sino-Japanese economic agreement granting Japan participation in China's national resources, Customs, communications and transport, on the face of it, seems innocent enough, but much depends upon what is meant by "participation." Japan has had just the same opportunities to avail herself of these Chinese facilities as have other nations, and at no time has it been denied her. She is apparently asking more, and what she will be taken really to mean is that degree of participation, which in effect will amount to control. The control of the various services through the medium of advisorships, as has been adopted in Manchoukuo seems to be the least that can be expected under this provision, and this will mean the diminution of Chinese national authority to a degree similar to that which has taken place in Manchoukuo, and the reduction of China to a similar state of puppetry. This view is supported by the demand that China should pay war reparations. Combining the two terms it is not unreasonable to believe that Japan intends to play the part of the broker's man, if not permanently, at least until whatever sum may be demanded of China is paid in full. Japan has learned the lesson from the Great War that indemnities, the unfashionable word for reparations, are difficult to collect, but with a strangle-hold on the activities of the Chinese Government such as the acceptance of these terms would suggest, and the presence of Japanese garrisons in China, that country would not with the same ease, as was the case of other countries in the last big struggle, avoid meeting the obligations she had entered into. Interpreted shortly, therefore, the reported Japanese terms constitute a demand for a complete Japanese economic, political and military hegemony in China, and while it appears that the nation's sovereignty will continue to exist, it will be in so attenuated a form that China will scarcely be able to call her soul her own.

The Generalissimo has been in receipt of these terms for the past week, it is reported, and the result of the talks between him and Dr. Trautmann have not yet been revealed. He has not up to the present rejected the terms outright, but opinion in Hankow believes that he considers them unacceptable. It should come as no surprise if that should ultimately prove to be the case. He has consistently held the view that this was to be a long struggle, and if there ever had been any weakening of that attitude—and there has been no indication of it—these terms are likely to reinforce it again. Short of actual demand for the surrender of territory the terms are those of a complete victor to the vanquished, and the present Chinese view is that it has not yet been decided which of the two nations shall play the respective roles. Chiang Kai-shek may decide that the price is already too high to pay for the inferior part, a view which may be accepted by the majority of the Chinese nation. If that proves to be the case, the prospects of a continued warfare are grave, and the inevitable increase in the devastation which has already been effected, will prove an addition to the price which China must eventually pay for whatever peace she may ultimately secure. In the meantime, until peace is reached, foreign interests must continue to suffer. That, of course, need weigh little with the Generalissimo in reaching the grave decision which he must eventually make. Nevertheless, the Japanese terms, as reported, are disappointing. In the present state of China's temper they might almost amount to an incitement to further effort, and only by the most biassed can they be held to provide any real basis for negotiation. They seem, rather, to be designed at the moment for the purpose of indicating to the Chinese Government, how, up to the present, it has been so sadly worsted in a military sense.

NORTHERN POST OFFICES

The operation of the postal system in North China, in the areas under Japanese control, is giving rise to some concern. Whatever the reason may be the fact is that the delivery of Shanghai newspapers is deteriorating to such extent that some readers complain of only receiving copies of their papers once or twice a month on the average since September last, though those destined for the various embassies and legations are duly delivered after a slight delay. The postal authorities in the north, for obvious reasons, are unable to divulge information regarding the working of the postal system, but from various Chinese and Japanese sources it is learned that some time ago a Japanese colonel attached to the Kitas Army Special Affairs Department visited postal officials and informed them that for the future he would be giving orders regarding postal business in North China. Three or four Japanese experts, called either directors or advisers, have been installed in the Peiping and Tientsin post offices and have taken over a large part of the executive work. Nanking appointed officials still retain their titles and some of their original authority, but it is reported that there has been no definition of the division of authority which occasionally leads to difficulties. Also in these two offices a fair number of Japanese have been installed in the various departments, in addition to which eight censors from the Japanese military police are also functioning. So far as can be ascertained, up to the present the newly-established Provisional Government has made no move towards taking over the post offices in the area over which they have assumed jurisdiction, though all offices have been obliged to fly the five-barred flag since December 14.

GOOD APPOINTMENTS

Britons in Shanghai, in particular, and the Far East in general, will rejoice to learn of the promotion which has come to Sir Alexander Cadogan as result of the changes which have been made in the Foreign Office, whereby Sir Robert Vansittart becomes Chief Diplomatic Adviser, and Sir Alexander succeeds him as Deputy Under-Secretary. As Ambassador to China he impressed his fellow nationals by the manner in which he comprehended the difficulties of the situation in the Far East and the way in which he sought to help the British community. His transfer to the Foreign Office was a matter of regret tempered with rejoicing that the very obvious merits of the man had thus been recognized. The new appointment for Sir Robert is an important departure from ordinary British practice, though precedents are to be found in the creation of such positions as that occupied by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross. It involves the recognition of the important part that foreign policy plays in the lives and prospects of the people resident in the British Isles and in those far-flung portions of the world where by their trade and other activities, they contribute towards the maintenance of the prosperity and peace of the Empire. It is for that reason that foreign policy is more closely followed to-day than has ever been the case in British history before, and the fact that these new appointments bear testimony to that is one of the best auguries for a successful continuation of policies which have proved so beneficial in the past. The freeing of the Foreign Secretary from considerable work which will now be handled by Sir Robert, will permit of his giving more attention to the important and pressing questions with which the Empire is faced, and may be taken as another example of the manner in which the Government is seeking to improve its administrative machine. With such capable officials in the two chief permanent positions in the Foreign Office there is assurance that the most careful study will be given to all questions as they arise, and that failure to arrive at adequate solutions will result from no absence of real effort on the part of the government.

TOURISTS BACK AGAIN

The first party of American tourists to be seen in this part of the world since the outbreak of hostilities in the middle of August arrived yesterday and forthwith started to plunge into the sightseeing possibilities of Shanghai. Formerly, the average tourist run around the "Paris of the Orient" was a pretty feeble show for there was little of China to be seen, and the reputation Shanghai received for its night life was more imagined than real. There was one important aspect, however, which could not fail to make an impression. That was the exhibition of East and West living in harmony and adapting each other's modes of life into a peculiar scheme of social relationships which made the city outstanding. To-day, tourists should have nothing to complain about. For sightseeing some of the areas of desolation encircling the foreign districts must equal the worst in France and Belgium during the Great War for engines of destruction have been employed in the recent "incident" which were undreamt-of in that campaign. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the tourists will not leave with the impression that different nationalities cannot live together peacefully in this part of the world. Difficulties have arisen which are hard to explain and much more difficult to elucidate, but Shanghai as an amalgam of racial units stands up to the strain of political problems and survives. It should be an example to the world.

IN PARENTHESIS

Gift

"YOUR wife's mind has completely gone!"

"I'm not surprised. She's been giving me a piece of it every day for about two years!"

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Broadcast

AN announcer got bored with the news,
So decided to air his own views,
He became so inspired
That the ether back-fired
And caused both his tonsils to fuse.

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Marks Man

WHEN a swimmer was stunned at Herne Bay
By a rock-hurling infant at play,
What impressed the crowd most
Was its mother's proud boast,
"He can hit 'em much farther away."

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From Acorns

NOT keen on his gardening is Stokes,
A victim in youth of a hoax,
Some seeds he once planted
Weren't quite what was wanted,
He's now got four rows of large oaks.

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Eaves-Dropping

MR. and Mrs. Brown had had an argument which lasted for some time, and was somewhat heated. At the end, Mrs. Brown went into the hall and discovered the maid creeping away. She at once accused her of eaves-dropping. The girl indignantly protested her innocence.

"Dont' you dare to deny it, Bridget," said the mistress. "Why, your hair is still standing on end!"

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After Many Years

THEY were very much in love, but there came a day when they had a bitter quarrel and parted, each resolving never to see the other again.

Years passed, and they had almost forgotten the little love affair, when they met at a dance.

The man felt embarrassed, but said, softly: "Why, Muriel!"

She looked at him indifferently.

"Let me see," she said calmly, "was it you or your brother who used to be an admirer of mine?"

"I really don't remember," he replied, affably. "Probably my father."

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Matter of Choice

A FARMER, buying some tools in a hardware store, was asked by the proprietor if he did not want to buy a bicycle.

"A bicycle won't eat its head off," said the salesman, "and you can ride it around your farm. They're cheap now and I can let you have one for $35.

"I guess I'd rather put the 35 into a cow," said the farmer reflectively.

"Ha-ha," laughed the hardware man. "you'd look mighty foolish, riding round your farm on a cow, wouldn't you?"

"Well, I dunno," said the farmer, "no more foolish than I would milking a bicycle."

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Invitation

HARRY and Lizzie had been to market, where Harry had bought a young pig and an empty tub.

Walking home along a lonely country lane, pig under one arm and tub under the other, Harry was surprised to notice that Lizzie had suddenly quickened her pace, and was almost running.

"'Ere," called Harry after her, "what are you running away like that for?"

"Well, seein' there's nobody about but us two, I thought maybe you'd try to kiss me," giggled Lizzie.

"How could I with this 'ere pig under one arm and the tub under t'other?"

"Well," faltered Lizzie, "I was afraid you was thinkin' of putting the pig down and the tub over it."

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Questionnaire

THE scene was an R.M. gun battery during the war at night-time. Having heard a sentry challenge and then call out the guard, an N.C.O. and a file of men doubled to the sentry's post to find him in the "on guard" position, facing an officer and another N.C.O. who were standing with upraised hands, a candle-lamp dangling from the N.C.O.'s hand and shedding its dim light on the scene.

N.C.O. of the Guard: "What's the matter here?"

Sentry: I challenged these two men and they told me they were 'visiting rounds," but I know they're not—they're foreigners, that's what they are!"

N.C.O. of the Guard: "How do you know that?"

Sentry: "I asked them where the Derby was run and what the Crystal Palace was made of, and they couldn't tell me."

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Smuggling

RETURNING from France, a man accepted a wager that he could not smuggle a dozen bottles of Burgundy through the English Customs. In due course he arrived at the Customs with a large hamper. This he begged the official not to compel him to open, since it contained a very rare wild cat which might escape. The official was not deceived by the story, and made him open the hamper, whereupon a large cat jumped out and disappeared in the crowd. The man dashed off to recapture the animal, looking for it everywhere, even back on board the boat. A little later he appeared at the Customs again, very out of breath and firmly holding down the lid of the hamper. The official, apologising profusely, let him pass without question, and through the Customs went the dozen of Burgundy which had, oddly enough, been substituted for the aforementioned cat.

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

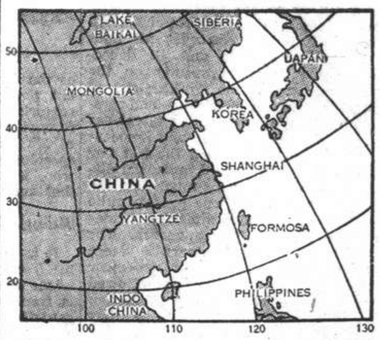
Yesterday	Min. 33.0	Max. 44.5
Same date, 1937	Min. 38.5	Max. 54.0

Rainfall nil.

Siccawei Recordings:—

Yesterday	Min. 31.8	Max. 38.5
Same date, 1937	Min. 32.2	Max. 50.9

Siccawei's Report



State on the morning of the 2nd:—Normal and rising pressure over China and Korea: rather low and unsteady over Japan. Regular winter monsoon along the China Coast. Cloudy, cold and fine weather in China; cool in the south.

State on the morning of the 3rd:—Pressure rather high and unsteady. Light northerly wind. Fine and cold weather.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cold weather with moderate north-westerly to north-easterly winds around Shantung. Overcast to rainy and rather cold with north-westerly to north-easterly winds over our regions. Overcast with local rain and regular monsoon over the Eastern Sea and around Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENDS WARNING TO CONGRESS

Wise Restraint Despite Provocation Avoided War: Need to Be Strong for Defence Urged

DEMOCRACIES ARE GUARDIANS OF PEACE

Washington, Jan. 3.

PRESIDENT Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his annual message to Congress to-day marked chaotic conditions throughout the world which have "far-reaching effects not only on their neighbours but also on us." The President said that it becomes the responsibility of each nation to "be strong enough to assure observance of those fundamentals of peaceful solutions of conflicts which are the only ultimate basis of an orderly existence."

"In addressing the Congress on the state of the nation, present facts and future hazards demand that I speak clearly and earnestly of the causes which underlie events of profound concern to all," he said to the expectant members of both houses of Congress who gathered in the House of Representatives shortly after noon to-day.

"Despite the determination of this nation for peace, it has become clear that the acts and policies of nations in other parts of the world have far-reaching effects not only on their neighbours but also on us," the President pointed out.

"I am thankful that I can tell you the nation is at peace....It has been kept at peace despite provocations which in other days, because of their seriousness, could have engendered war.

"The people of the United States and the Government of the United States have shown a capacity for restraint and a civilized approach to the purposes of peace while at the same time we maintain the integrity and inherent sovereignty of 130,000,000 people lest we weaken and destroy our influence for peace and jeopardize that sovereignty itself.

Need to Be Strong

"It is our traditional policy to live in peace with other nations....but in a world of high tension and disorder and in a world where stable civilization is actually threatened, it becomes the responsibility of each nation....to be strong enough to assure observance of those fundamentals of peaceful solutions of conflicts which are the only ultimate basis of orderly existence.

"We propose to observe as in the past our own treaty obligations, but we cannot be certain of reciprocity on the part of others who disregard treaty obligations which seems followed on the surface by a trend away from the democratic and representative form of government.

"It would seem, therefore, that world peace through international agreements is most safe in the hands of democratic representative governments or, in other words, peace is most greatly jeopardized in and by those nations where democracy has been discarded or never developed.

Domestic Government

"At home conditions call for equal candour. The events of recent months are a new proof that we cannot conduct the national government after the practice of 1787, 1837 or 1837 for the obvious reason that human needs and human desires are infinitely greater and infinitely more difficult than in any previous period in the life of the Republic," President Roosevelt declared in drawing a general picture of industrial and agricultural conditions in America.

He explained to Congress that from his viewpoint, national life rests on two nearly equal producing forces—agriculture and industry—with each employing one-third of the citizens while the other third transports and distributes the products of the first two or performs special services for the whole.

"....Since 1933 we knowingly faced the choice of three remedies; first, to cut the cost of farm production below other nations—an obvious impossibility in many crops, second, to make the Government the guarantor of farm prices and the underwriter of excess farm production without limit—a course which would bankrupt the strongest government in the world in a decade, or third, to place primary responsibility directly on the farmers themselves . . . That glut, it means adequate reserves means adequacy of supply but not against drought.

"It is shameless misrepresentation to call this a policy of scarcity . . . It is, in truth, insurance before the fact instead of Government subsidy after the fact, "the President asserted.

Speculators and Partisans

The President said that any such plan for control of excessive surpluses and the speculation they bring has two enemies. Firstly, "well-meaning terrorists;" secondly, "a group perhaps less well-meaning which includes those who, for partisan purposes, oppose each and every practical effort to help the situation. There are also those who make money from undue fluctuations of crop prices....Farmers of this nation know that balanced output can be made effective without excessive cost with the co-operation of the great majority of them."

After again analyzing the opposition he emphasized that "wage-hour legislation, therefore, is a problem definitely before this Congress for action———.

"It is an essential part of economic recovery....." he said. "It has the support of the overwhelming majority of people in every walk of life."

National Income and Budget

Calling attention to the fact that the Administration had raised the National Income of 38 milliards in 1932 to approximately 68 milliards in 1937, he said, "our objective is to raise it to 90 or 100 milliards."

In referring to the budget he said, "the proposed budget for 1939....will exhibit a further decrease in deficit though not a balance between income and outgo....

"I am as anxious as any....." he said, "that the budget be brought to a balance as quickly as possible, but I believe all should accept that we continue the policy of not permitting any needy American who can and is willing to work to starve, that Congress and the Executive join hands in eliminating and curtailing any Federal activity without harming or curtailing the necessary Government functions for the safety of the nation and that we raise the purchasing power of the nation to a point that taxes on this purchasing power are sufficient to meet the necessary expenditures of the national Government."—United Press.

Jobless in U.S. Now Twelve Per Cent. of People

Unemployment Spreads Since Census Was Taken

RELIEF NEEDS WILL END BALANCED BUDGET HOPE

Washington, Jan. 2.

An analysis of the figures obtained in the voluntary postcard census of unemployed in the United States to-day revealed that twelve per cent. of the population as of November 20 was jobless. The current business slump hit the eastern manufacturing centres and the Oregon-Washington timber areas the hardest.

It was expected that the figures would significantly effect the relief section of President Roosevelt's special message to Congress since the unemployment at that time coupled with the recession since then may force a request for $2,000,000,000 in relief, shattering all hopes for balancing the budget.

Last year, it was recalled, there were widespread demands for $3 milliards for relief purposes, but the President asked for only $1½ milliards. Observers had expected he would whittle this to $1 millard this year.

The postcard census showed 7,822,912 unemployed in the United States while a figure of 10,870,000 was reached in a test count in selected areas. However, economists of the Works Progress Administration estimated that another million persons were disemployed since the census was taken.—United Press.

Labour Party Plea

New York, Jan. 2.

A balanced budget will not solve the unemployment problem, the American Labour Party in a letter to President Roosevelt said to-day.

"Increased unemployment," the letter said in part, "must result in prompt and adequate increases in relief appropriations....Balacing of the budget could only be achieved ....by reverting to the politicies of your predecessors. Such policies will prolong difficulties and intensify the agony and misery of millions of people."—United Press.

U.S. ANTI-TRUSTS LAW REVISION

Attorney-General Urges Congress Inquiry

Washington, Jan. 2.

A Congressional investigation into the existing anti-trust laws is recommended in the annual report, issued to-day, of Mr. Homer Cummings, the Attorney-General.

The statutes in their present form, he declares, are "inadequate for the purpose of dealing with the many ramifications of the problem."

Mr. Cummings also stresses the desirability of expediting the administration of justice in Federal Courts. In this connection he advances two suggestions similar to President Roosevelt's ill-fated court reform programme, namely:

1. Appointment of an administrative officer to supervise Federal courts, and
2. Increased "flexibility" for courts.

These proposals are similar to the President's plan, under which the Chief Justice could assign judges to any district to hear special cases.—Reuter.

BRITISH LAUNCH FIRED ON

Brief Report of Incident Near Hongkong

Hongkong, Jan. 3.

Mr. A. G. Hargreave of the Imperial Chemical Industries and two companions were to-day reported to have been fired on by rifles from the hillsides of an island five miles south-west of Macao 4.30 p.m. on January 1.

It was reported that the boat's engine was disabled by the rifle-fire, although no passengers were hurt. Investigations were proceeding.—United Press.

U.S. TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL SUCCEEDS

Washington, Jan. 2.

The trans-Pacific air service performed 90.64 per cent. of the service scheduled during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1937, it was stated to-day in the annual report of Mr. James Farley, Postmaster-General.

Mail despatched from San Francisco on the 48 flights during the year averaged 396 lb. per flight, while an average of 419 lb. of mail arrived in San Francisco on each flight. A considerable portion of the mail was to and from Hawaii, the report said.

Total revenues were $726,201,109 and expenditures were $772,815,842 during the year. However there was a book-keeping deduction of $59,258,471 which brought the "net postal surplus" to $12,643,739.—United Press.

New Mediation Move Unlikely To Stop Fight

Hankow Thinks Japan's Terms Too Stiff

CHIANG UNRECOGNIZED

Tokyo Paper States Own View of Issue

Hankow, Jan. 3.

The concensus of opinion here is that the second German attempt at mediation in the Sino-Japanese dispute is very likely to end in failure.

No matter how willing the Chinese Government is to conclude peace, the Japanese terms, it is stated, are so stiff that even leading Chinese pacifists are against their acceptance.

Meanwhile, the rumour that the Chinese Government is sending four delegates to Nanking to discuss peace with General Matsui, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in Central China, is flatly denied in official quarters here.

According to the rumour in question, Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan, and General Chang Chun, vice-President, were likely to be among the delegates.—Reuter.

Eight Provinces Controlled

Tokyo, Jan. 3.

The "Miyako," in an article to-day, says that Japanese influence extends through five provinces in North China and three provinces in Central China and includes the most important towns in the country, such as Peiping, Tientsin, Shanghai and Nanking.

"Japan's new policy," says the "Miyako," "will be formulated with a view to:

"1. Safeguarding her actual position in East Asia.

"2. Fulfilling her world obligations as the standard-bearer of anti-Communism."

"3. Successfully discharging her responsibility in connection with the rehabilitation of China.

"This three-point platform," the journal asserts, "will necessarily entail withdrawal of recognition of the Chiang Kai-shek administration."

The Japanese Government, it suggests, will eventually not deal with this administration in conducting various undertakings in China, "though no formal statement withdrawing recognition will be issued."

A collective security system, the "Miyako" emphasises, is to be established for the Far East, under the anti-Comintern banner, between Japan, Manchoukuo, New China, Siam and other Far Eastern nations, "and, if possible, in co-operation with Britain and America."

New Treaty in Prospect

At the same time, it adds, the old Kellogg Peace Pact and the Nine-Power Treaty will be denounced to enable the conclusion of a new treaty in conformity with the new collective security system.

The "Miyako" expresses the opinion that 'emergency economic measures must be taken for Central and South China so as to stabilize Chinese currency."

"The Japanese Government," it asserts, "will take as conscientious steps as ever for safeguarding third party interests and rights in China, and all negotiations in this connection will be conducted on the spot."

For this reason, it says, Japan's diplomatic staff at Peiping, Shanghai, and Nanking will be enlarged and strengthened, this applying particularly to Peiping.—Reuter.

PARIS DISCUSSES PEACE TERMS

Japan's Aims Contradictory, Says "Le Temps"

Paris, Jan. 2.

Japan's alleged terms for peace with China submitted to General Chiang Kai-shek by Dr. Oscar Trautmann, German Ambassador to Nanking, are contradictory to Tokyo's assertions that she desires no territory in China, "Le Temps" writes to-day.

The journal adds that if the terms were accepted, several areas in China of particular interest to Japan would effectively be placed under Japanese control.

"Independently from proposals already made or which may be made by Japan," the paper continues, "General Chiang seems resolved to continue the fight, either because he still possesses sufficient military means for prolonging the resistance with chances of success by drawing the foe into the interior of China, wearing him down and exhausting him, or he is still counting on outside support following further incidents, and on the more or less direct assistance from the Soviet.

"A point which seems to confirm this attitude," the journal concludes, "is the appointment of Dr. H. H. Kung to the Chairmanship of the Executive Yuan in order to allow General Chiang to devote all his time to his task as Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese armies."—Havas.

JEWISH FINANCIERS MAY MAKE "WAR"

"News-Chronicle" Reports Currency Campaign

London, Jan. 2.

According to the "News Chronicle," a group of international Jewish financiers have created a fund of £500,000 for the purpose of bourse manœuvres against anti-Semitic countries.

Details of this financial campaign to be carried out in the more important stock exchanges throughout the world, are to be decided during a conference in "some place near Geneva" next week, the paper asserts. The bourse operations carried out by the group will be directed against "anti-Semitic countries such as Germany, Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Austria."

The "News Chronicle" expresses the opinion that "considerable advantage should accrue to pro-Jewish countries such as Britain, from the planned Jewish bourse campaign."—Trans-Ocean.

CELEBRATION OF NAZI "BEER PUTSCH" ANNIVERSARY

Flanked by leaders of the Nazi Party, Chancellor Hitler is pictured here in the annual celebration of the anniversary at Munich of the famour "beer cellar Putsch" of 1923 which was the beginning of his rise to power. On his right is General Goering. Third from the right of the picture in the front row is Lieut.-Col. Kribel, former German Consul-General in Shanghai.

Teruel City in Ruins as Shells Shatter Defence

Nationalists Await Change in Weather

CORRESPONDENT DIES OF HIS WOUNDS

Teruel, Jan. 3.

Nationalist headquarters claimed to-day that "the entire Republican front is collapsing" at Teruel after virtual annihilation of the Republican brigades.

Republican prisoners revealed that crack foreign brigades under Loyalist colours had suffered the worst losses during the defence of the former Nationalist city. A United Press correspondent advancing with the Nationalists found the bodies of several hundred Republicans in trenches at Muela de Teruel. Some of the dead had been wounded who had frozen to death.

The Lister foreign brigade was reported to have abandoned Muela de Teruel because of the ferocity of the Nationalist artillery barrage which other reports said poured shells into the town with the rapidity of machine-guns.

Nationalist troops meanwhile were on the outskirts of Teruel awaiting better weather before entering the city which has become a battered "no man's land." Contrary to premature reports, the Nationalists had not yet occupied the city.—United Press.

Barcelona Severely Bombed

Barcelona, Jan. 2.

Barcelona, the seat of the Spanish Republican Government, experienced another severe air raid to-day—the second in two days.

As in the attack on New Year's Day, which took a toll of 40 killed, a powerful fleet of Nationalist bombers, escorted by fighters and pursuit planes, took part in to-day's raid and concentrated on the centre of the city, on which they rained a hail of bombs, doing considerable damage to property and causing near 100 casualties. It is estimated that 49 persons were killed. It is not known whether any military objectives were hit.—Reuter.

A. P. Correspondent Dies

St. Jean de Luz, Jan. 3.

After lingering for two days, Mr. Edward J. Neil, af the Associated Press, who was severely injured on December 31 when a shell landed in the motorcar in which he was driving out to observe the Nationalist offensive in the Teruel area, died to-day.

His two other press colleagues in the car were killed on the spot, namely, Mr. E. R. S. Sheepshanks, of Reuters, and Mr. Johnson, of "The Spur," an American magazine.

Immediately after the accident, Mr. Neil was rushed to a hospital in Saragossa, but despite every effort to save his life, including a blood transfusion, he succumbed to his injuries. The correspondent sustained 34 shell splinter wounds in his thighs, while his left leg was broken in two places.—Reuter.

Battle in Final Stage

Hendaye, Jan. 3.

With the weather reported to be improving, although thousands of men floundered in the four feet of snow which covered the battlefield, the battle for the possesion of Teruel reached the final stages to-day. Determined to recapture Teruel, the Nationalists were operating on a scale unprecedented in the Spanish civil war by placing every available man into the offensive.

Reports from a United Press correspondent at the front revealed that the Republicans were seemingly planning to withdraw to lines held prior to their drive on Terual and there maintain extremely strong lines of defence.—United Press.

EGYPTIANS ACCLAIM BRITISH ENVOY

Sir Miles Lampson Visits New Prime Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Cairo, Jan. 2.

Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt, was enthusiastically acclaimed by a crowd outside the house of Mohamed Mahmoud Pasha to-day when he paid his first official call on the new Premier.

The Royal Decree issued by the King, adjourning (not suspending) Parliament for a month, was in accord with the Constitution, declared Mahmoud Pasha in a statement this evening.—Reuter.

Chinese Air Raid On Nanking

Pengpu, Jan. 3.

A squadron of Chinese aeroplanes yesterday raided the Tachiaochang aerodrome, outside of Kwanchua Men south-eastern Nanking. Several bombs were dropped on the airfield by the Chinese airmen. Two Japanese bombers stationed on the airfield were completely destroyed.—Kuo Min.

Britain Begins "Ether War" by Arab Broadcasts

Italy to Listen-in and Take Careful Notes

COUNTER-BLAST TO BARI PROPAGANDA

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rome, Jan. 3.

Arabic-speaking stenographers in the service of the Italian Government will be among those listening-in to the first Arabic broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation from London at 6 o'clock this afternoon.

They will take down a report for the popular Minister of Culture, Signor Alfieri, who controls the gigantic machinery of Fascist propaganda and counter-propaganda.

The B.B.C. reply to the Arabic broadcasts from the Italian station at Bari is described here as the opening of a war of the ether against Italy, which has been one of the most active nations broadcasting to foreign countries, employing fourteen languages daily for a total duration of 11½ hours.

This does not take into account programmes for Italian Colonies and Italians resident abroad.

The Arabic broadcasts from Bari last 39 minutes, while those of the B.B.C. will last only fifteen minutes.—Reuter.

BRITISH OFFER OF PEACE PLAN

French Report of Scheme by Mr. Chamberlain

Paris, Jan. 3.

A peace plan is being prepared by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, asserts the London correspondent of "L'Intransigeant," who states that the plan will include the following suggestions:

1. The necessity of reaching an economic accord based on the results of the inquiry which has been conducted over the last few months by M. Paul van Zeeland, former Premier of Belgium;
2. The constitution of a European Directorate that will be led by Berlin, London, Paris and Rome;
3. The definite removal of political stipulations from the Versailles Treaty and a reform of the Covenant of the League of Nations;
4. The meeting of a conference to examine the colonial claims of the Reich; and
5. A limitation upon armaments, if not immediately, at least within five years when a programme of national reorganization has been realized.—Havas.

BRITISH SOLDIERS TO BE MECHANICS

Intensive Mechanization of Army to Continue

London, Jan. 3.

New steps for further mechanization of the British Army have been planned by the Secretary for War, Mr. L. Hore-Belisha, and are to be put into effect as soon as possible, it is reported by the "Daily Herald" this morning.

It is intended this year to equip half the infantry battalions with machine-guns instead of rifles. Hundreds of fast tanks are to be provided so that military operations can be speeded up, and 8,000 horses in the artillery are to be replaced by tractors.

The air defence branch of the Territorial Army is to be equipped with most modern anti-aircraft guns, searchlights and detecting apparatus.

The "Daily Herald" declares that the Secretary for War intends to mechanize the army to such an extent that half a dozen men will possess the fighting strength of a whole battalion.—Trans-Ocean.

Famous French Airwoman Many Hours Overdue

Mlle. Maryse Hilsz Missing Way to Basrah

ARMY GIFT PLANE HAS NO WIRELESS

Basrah, Jan. 3.

Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, the noted French airwoman, who is attempting to break the record for a flight from Saigon to Paris, is missing.

She was last seen over Jask at 4.15 yesterday morning, G.M.T., on her way to Basrah, but up until late last night she had not arrived at her destination, where she is many hours overdue.

Her machine, a Caudron-Simoun, equipped with a 220 h.p. Renault engine, carries no wireless. It was given to her by the Ministry of Air.

Mlle. Hilsz, who has passed through Shanghai on two occasions in the course of flights from Paris to Tokyo, set out from Paris on December 19 in an attempt to beat the women's long-distance flight record of 1,452 miles, established by the American, Miss Amelia Earhart.

After a forced landing, however, she gave up the attempt and instead went for the Paris-Saigon record of M. Andre Japy. This she achieved when she arrived in Saigon on the morning of December 23, completing the trip from the French capital in 92 hours and 32 minutes, or six hours and 20 minutes better than the time of M. Japy. After only a day's rest, Mlle. Hilsz was back in the air again, this time to seek the Saigon-Paris record.

Her plans were to fly to France in three hops, landing at Jodhpur, Damascus and Paris, but soon bad weather compelled her to curtail her hops. She reached Akyab on December 31 and, after refuelling and taking a much-needed rest, took off for Basrah.—Reuter.

Damascus, Jan. 3.

Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, the noted French airwoman, who is attempting to break the record for a flight from Saigon, is missing and may have been forced to land on the mountains of Iran, according to the belief of air authorities here.

U.S. BUSINESS CURVE FLATTENING

Survey of 1937 by Chairman of Chase Bank

New York, Jan. 3.

In a survey of 1937, Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, chairman of the Chase National Bank, declares that the December business figures suggest that the decline has ceased and that the business curve is flattening out.

Referring to the rapidity of the decline, he states that there has been no time for weakening the financial structure or exhaustion of the people's saving which a slow, prolonged decline would have involved.

Mr. Aldrich attributes the slump partly to heavy government spending, but among encouraging political developments he mentions federal tax revision and proposals to balance the budget by economies.—Reuter.

FORMER JAPANESE CONSUL HERE

Gaimoshuo Spokesman Arrives On Visit

Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, who in his capacity as head of the Gaimusho's Information Bureau acts as spokesman for the Foreign Office, arrived here yesterday in the Nagasaki Maru for a brief visit.

During his stay here, Mr. Kawai, who formerly served as Consul-General in Canton and Shanghai, will gather first-hand information on the local situation for presentation to the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota.

Mr. Kawai was accompanied by Mr. Eiichi Iwai, who formerly served as Consul-General in Chengtu, Szechuen.

BRITISH LABOUR M.P. LEAVE FOR SPAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 3.

Nine Labour members of the House of Commons, including four Opposition Front Benchers, left London today for a visit to Spain on the invitation of the Spanish Republican Government. Another party, including leaders of railwaymen and miners, will make a similar visit in ten days' time.—Reuter.

United States Preparing for Huge Armaments

Congress Neutrality Bloc Expected to Give Way

MILLIARD-DOLLAR PLAN OF REPLENISHMENTS

Washington, Jan. 3.

The greatest peacetime military and naval programme in the history of the United States will get under way to-day when Congress reconvenes to consider how best to meet the challenge of troubled times the world over. Since adjournment of the special session in December, national indignation over the Panay bombing has reached its peak and died down, but not without leaving an increased determination to push preparedness in all fields.

America's answer is expected to be the appropriation by Congress of over U.S.$1,000,000,000 in the regular budget for the Army, the Navy and their air arms, placing the United States high in the list of rearming Powers.

During 1937 both Army and Navy reached the highest peak of efficiency in years, due to the orderly replacement of equipment and ships, to increased co-ordination of command, and to the rapid progress toward completion of new fortifications and bases.

The needs of 1937, however, in the opinion of many authoritative federal circles, were only a legacy of the years following the Washington Naval Conference, in which the armed forces fell behind other nations in modernity and efficiency.

Past Year's Replenishments

President Roosevelt, backed by the War and Navy Departments, is dissatisfied with the present strength of national defences, and additional replacement and construction, above that provided for in the present programme, may require supplementary estimates before Congress adjourns for the summer.

The Navy during 1937 commissioned 24 ships, including one aircraft carrier, one heavy cruiser, two light cruisers, fifteen destroyers and five submarines. It is expected that an equal number, at least, will join the fleet during this year.

In addition, work is being rushed on the super-dreadnaughts North Carolina and Washington, and President Roosevelt has indicated he may ask two additional ships of the same class, 35,000 tons and mounting sixteen-inch guns.

Japanese Competition

Some circles feel that the Administration may be forced to go even farther in rearmament to answer the reported plan by Japan to construct two 46,000 ton battle cruisers, which except for H.M.S. Hood would be the world's largest ships of war.

The Naval estimate to be submitted to Congress is expected to total roughly U.S.$576,000,000, and it is understood that an Army of appropriation of more than U.S.$500,000,000 has already been approved by the President.

Both appropriations will be subject to approval by Appropriations Committees and by the chambers themselves in the House and Senate successively. Stiff opposition is expected, particularly on the Senate floor, where the neutrality bloc is strongest. Administration legislative leaders, however, believe that the Roosevelt vote bloc, backed by growing national sentiment for a strong defence force, will be strong enough to force the estimates through Congress without substantial change.

Increase in Personnel

The War Department has asked an increase of 2,300 in commissioned officers, which would bring the total to 14,500. Other increases asked in the face of troubled world conditions include: increase of enlisted men to 165,000; consideration of higher pay for junior officers and enlisted men; increase of National Guard strength to 210,000; increase in the Citizens Military Training Camp enlistments to 50,000 as compared with the present 30,000; and maintenance of at least 120,000 active reserve officers and 150,000 reserve enlisted men and specialists.

The Army and Navy both have emphasized the necessity of continuing speedy construction of fighting aircraft, aiming for at least 4,000 planes before 1940.—United Press.

Modern U.S. Capacity

Washington, Jan. 2.

"If hostilities broke out to-morrow, the United States could immediately have at command 300,000 men, thirty days later 500,000 and after four months 1,230,000,'" declared Col. Johnson, Assistant Secretary at the War Department, writing in the "Coast Artillery Journal" to-day.

Col. Johnson recalled that in 1917 some 300,000 were mobilized, but that four months later only 550,000 could be equipped.—Havas.

CHINA'S DEFIANCE TO INVADERS

Mr. Lin Sen's Message To The Nation

Chungking, Jan. 3.

Speaking at the memorial service on New Year's Day in commemoration of the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic, President Lin Sen made a stirring appeal to the nation to redouble its efforts to resist foreign aggression.

Referring to the revolutionary spirit of the late Party Leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the speaker said that this spirit "which enabled us to overthrow the monarchy and establish the Republic, is bound to enable us to overcome even greater difficulties in the future."

Recalling the Chinese proverb that "Nations are revived in time of distress," President Lin said that the day of Chinese national regeneration has arrived. The entire country is now firmly united in the concerted effort to overcome the national emergency, so as to preserve the national existence and secure for China a position of independence and freedom in the family of nations.—Kuo Min.

JAPANESE PUSH DOWN TIENTSIN PUKOW R'WAY

Attempt to Outflank The Chinese at Hsuchow

TSINGTAO FALLS SOON

Chinese Refugees Going Back to City

Hankow, Jan. 3.

The Japanese forces pushing down the Tientsin-Pukow Railway from Taian are making good progress. Their immediate objective is Yenchow, 50 miles south of Taian, and they have already advanced 15 miles to Taiwenkow, where fighting is taking place.

Another Japanese column is striking across country with the ultimate object of reaching Kweiteh, an important town on the Lunghai Railway, midway between Hsuchowfu and Kaifeng. The object of this manœuvre is to outflank the Chinese forces at Hsuchowfu, which is situated at the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and the Lunghai railways.

Chinese quarters here admit the complete evacuation of Tsingtao by Chinese troops, saying their withdrawal was imperative because of the danger of being encircled by the Japanese.

Meanwhile the Chinese counter-offensive in the Hangchow area is making good progress, judging by Chinese reports, which claim that a force of Chinese troops has reached Luhota, north of the Chientang River, near the Hangchow railway station.

It is reliably reported that Chinese planes yesterday afternoon visited Nanking in an attempt to bomb the Kwanghuamen aerodrome, outside the city.

At the same time, more than 60 bombs were dropped at Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, by 26 Japanese 'planes, with whom Chinese machines are stated to have engaged in severe aerial combats.—Reuter.

Tsingtao's Fall Inevitable

Tokyo, Jan. 3.

Tsingtao's capture by Japanese troops is "only a matter of time" as a consequence of the seizure of one half of the Tsingtao-Tsinan Railway, according to information received in Tokyo to-day from army commanders in the field.

The Japanese troops are driving toward Tsingtao along this line and were reported to be making rapid progress.

However, Tsingtao has lost its former strategic importance since it is blockaded by the Japanese Navy, it was pointed out.

The whereabouts of Admiral Shen Hung-lieh and Gen. Hsieh Kang-che, commandant of the garrison, was a topic of speculation since their reported disappearance from Tsingtao on December 30.

Order is being maintained by 200 foreign "vigilantes" in co-operation with leading Chinese citizens who have organized a provisional municipal government in Tsingtao, the information reaching here said.

A peace maintenance commission now is functioning in Tsinan, Shantung capital occupied by Japanese forces last week. The Mohammedan general, Ma Liang, is chairman of the commission, which issued a manifesto denouncing the Chinese National Government and the Kuomintang Party, and pledging co-operation with the Japanese forces.—Domei.

Chinese Refugees Return

Tsingtao, Jan. 3.

Although the military situation here is virtually unchanged, with the future of the city still uncertain, Chinese refugees who evacuated the port hurriedly a week ago to escape possible Japanese vengeance for the destruction of Japanese property here, are now returning to Tsingtao.

Other than the fact that their retreat towards the west has been blocked by the advance of Japanese troops, the reason for their action is obscure.

Meanwhile, foreign volunteers and Chinese police are taking action to prevent further looting of Japanese properties. They have begun boarding up the smashed fronts of the scores of Japanese shops ransacked by Chinese soldiers and civilians.

In addition to the Chinese police on patrol duty, a small number of Chinese carrying big swords appeared today. They are also undertaking guard duty within the city.

A few Chinese looters were caught last night after they had broken into Japanese offices in the downtown district, filled their pockets with loot, and set fire to the premises.—Reuter.

Air Battle at Nanchang

Furious combats and intensive bombing featured raids by Japanese naval fliers on Nanchang, Kiangsi province, and Sheklung and Tsunghua, Kwangtung province, on Sunday, the Japanese naval authorities announced in a communiqué issued at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Handicapped by poor visibility caused by cloudy skies, a naval squadron commanded by Lieut-Commander Yoshizo Suda engaged six Chinese fighting craft of the E-16 Soviet-made type at Nanchang, and shot down one of them, the communiqué stated. The others escaped.

The Japanese bombers then proceeded to demolish hangars and several grounded Chinese planes, according to the communiqué.

Another naval squadron operating in Kwangtung bombed hangars and military godowns at the Tsunghua aerodrome, and sampans filled with Chinese soldiers near Sheklung along the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Landing Repulsed

Hongkong, Jan. 2.

After the Japanese marines who had occupied Wongcum island off Macao had left the island following the Portuguese government's protest, a Japanese force attempted to land near Tongkawan in the region of Changshan. This attempt was, however, frustrated by the Chinese.—Trans-Ocean.

Traffic Police on Duty

Tsingtao, Jan. 3.

For the first time since the withdrwal of the Chinese police here on Friday morning, Tsingtao had traffic policemen on duty at important points to-day. Japanese 'planes reconnoitred over the city to-day.—Reuter.

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Tourist Party Arrives Here In Rawalpindi

First to Visit Shanghai Since Hostilities

LOCAL SHOPKEEPERS JUBILANT

A sign that Shanghai is really returning to normal once again, the first party of American tourists to visit the port since hostilities broke out in this area, arrived here on Sunday aboard the P. & O. ss. Rawalpindi. Their arrival, when news of it spread around town, was greeted with scarcely concealed jubilance by local shopkeepers, who have not seen so much as a single tourist for over four months. Even this party very nearly missed Shanghai, for they travelled over in the Dollar Line ss. President Coolidge as far as Japan, and then had to transfer to the P. & O. vessel in order to fit Shanghai into their itinerary, as the Dollar Line ships are not yet calling here. They sail again to-day for Hongkong, continuing their round-the-world trip, but their visit brings more confidence to Shanghai traders, who, no doubt, anticipate further calls from tourist parties in the near future, following on the example of the hardy band of pioneers who went out of their way to drop in at the battle-scarred city which has been figuring in the headlines since last August.

From forty-two, the number originally booking tickets on the round-the-world trip, the party dropped off in twos and threes after the outbreak of hostilities, until it consisted of but twelve strong when it left Los Angeles on December 11 for Japan. Other factors besides the war led to a falling off in the number originally booking accommodation, but with American seamen demanding bonuses for entering the "war zone," and the Far Eastern conflict occupying the front pages of all the newspapers, many were discouraged from starting on the trip.

Visit to Japan

The "war" did not prevent the party from spending an enjoyable six days in Japan, visiting beauty spots, and making tours to places of interest. They saw no "war fever" among the people, and no warlike preparations. Life seemed to be going on calmly as usual, and there were few signs of the hostilities between Japan and China. Everywhere they went, they were treated with the greatest courtesy and kindness, and found the Japanese people as hospitable as ever. "They seemed a happy, jolly crowd," declared one member of the party.

Arrived in Shanghai, the party spend their first evening here spying out the Shanghai night life, visiting several cabarets and amusement spots. What they were most eager to see, however, was the war zone, and so they were conducted yesterday morning around the deserted streets of Chapei, gazing awestruck from a comfortable coach at the ruin and devastation. A Japanese guide accompanied the party. Passing through streets fringed with ruined buildings, blackened and charred, pock-marked with shell holes, they headed for Kiangwan, hoping to see the ruins of the once stately Civic Centre, Japanese sentries stopped them, however, and they returned to Shanghai, next making a tour of the Settlement and Concession, and arriving back at the Cathay Hotel in time for lunch.

Shopping Tour

Yesterday afternoon, members of the party were hotly debating the question of how the evening should be spent, some being in favour of a second visit to the cabarets, and others agitating for seats at one of the local Chinese theatres. All were unanimous in their decision to spend the afternoon wandering around the local shops, who were eagerly awaiting their patronage. Unconscious of the heartening influence which their very presence had upon shopkeepers who once boasted of the number of tourists for whom they catered, they went on a shopping tour, and made a goodly number of purchases.

"Wait till I show the folks at home my coloured movie pictures of Chapei", exclaimed a lady member of the party. Another lady tourist recalled a previous visit to Shanghai thirty years ago, and commented on the very different circumstances in which the city now found itself placed. All obligingly posed for their photographs, realizing, no doubt, that they were of real news value, mending the gap which lasted from the beginning of August until last Sunday.

Most of the party were unable to obtain visas for China, as the American authorities, when issuing new passports, are now stamping them as invalid for travel to China. One or two, who took out passports before the beginning of hostilities, were able to obtain visas for this country. Some were armed with certificates, signed by the purser of the Rawalpindi, stating that they were passengers on the ship, on a brief visit to Shanghai, these replacing the visas which they were unable to obtain. Their passports, however, were not examined on arrival here, and they experienced no difficulty in landing.

Casting a last glance around Shanghai, the party will leave this morning for Hongkong, Indo-China, Angkor, Sumatra, Java, Bali, Suez, Ceylon, India, the Red Sea, Egypt, the Mediterranean, and thence back to the United States. Watching them depart this morning, many a Shanghai trader will heave a thankful sigh for their visit, and look forward to the next party, which, they hope, will not be too long in coming.

MANY HOUSES DAMAGED IN FIRE

A number of Chinese houses were damaged in a fire which broke out in Lane 640 Ward Road at 5.52 a.m. yesterday. One machine from Yangtszepoo Station responded. Houses J6 45, 47, 49, 51, and 53 were gutted. House Number 55 was very badly damaged, and House 43 was damaged on the first floor. The roofs of Houses 41, 57, 59 and 161 was damaged, while the drying-stages of Houses J6 101, 120 and 103 were badly damaged. No one was injured in the fire.

GERMAN WAY TO END ECONOMIC WAR

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht Urges Return of Colonies

STRONG PLEA MADE FOR GOLD STANDARD

Berlin, Jan. 3.

Means to restore international currency stability are treated by Dr. H. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank and formerly Minister of Economics, in a newspaper article to-day, in which he specifies four necessary conditions involving debts, raw materials, Colonies and economic facilites.

The time for a lasting organization on international currency affairs, Dr. Schacht writes, will only come when the spirit of the Versailles Treaty is overcome, politically and economically.

This, he asserts, demands:—

1. A settlement of the question of international debts.
2. A better distribution of raw materials, which for Germany is linked up with the necessity of returning Germany's colonies; and
3. Termination of the general economic war.

Dr. Schacht makes a strong plea for the gold standard. He declares that no matter what the order of world currencies is, it will always rest on a gold basis, "although whether it will always rest on a gold basis, "although whether it will be possible to work on it in future without binding international agreements is a question which cannot yet be answered."—Reuter.

JAPANESE OFFICERS ARREST SUSPECTS

Five Chinese Taken Off to Kung Dah Mill

Two Japanese military officers, and a Japanese police sergeant from Bubbling Well Station, entered the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Social Centre, Robison Road, arrested five Chinese, and took them to the nearest Japanese military depot, at the Kung Dah Mill, Jessfield Road, on New Year's Day, it was learned yesterday. The arrests took place soon after one of the bombing incidents, on that morning, when a missile was thrown into the compound of the Kiwa Cotton Mill. In making the arrests, it is understood, the Japanese declared that the five Chinese would be questioned as to the incident, and, if found to be implicated, would be punished according to Japanese military law. It could not be ascertained yesterday whether the five men had been released, or whether they had been found guilty of taking part in the incident.

Meanwhile yesterday enquiries were still being pursued into the series of terrorist outrages which have recently occurred in the Settlement. Detectives from Bubbling Well Station were following up the incident on Monday, when a home-made incendiary bomb was hurled into the garden of Mr. S. Okamoto, Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, but no developments were reported, and no arrests made. Detectives from Louza Station were investigating the incident at Hankow Road, when two grenades were hurled at a party of Japanese troops, and in Gordon Road and Pootoo Road districts enquiries were also being made into the bombing incidents which took place in those districts on New Year's Day, but no arrests had been made in connection with these attacks.

HOPE EXPRESSED FOR THE NEW YEAR

German Ambassador's Speech at Hankow Celebration

Hankow, Jan. 2.

The hope that the new year would bring to the entire world peace, "to the maintenance of which all endeavours of German diplomats are devoted," was expressed by the German Ambassador to China, Dr. Oskar Trautmann, in an address at the New Year's celebration at the German Club here, which was attended not only by members of the German colony at Hankow but also by a number of German refugees from other parts of China.

The German Ambassador expressed the fear that a protracted war might administer such a blow to the economic system of the Far East that the trade of all nations would be destroyed and an economic recovery made doubtful.

Dr. Trautmann pointed out that the exemplary attitude displayed by the Germans in China during the conflict had been recognized by prominent Chinese personages. The Ambassador moreover paid a tribute to the model co-operation of other foreigners in China who had helped the Germans safely to evacuate numerous women and children from such danger zones as Nanking, where the Germans were granted refuge on foreign ships.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN LEADER SENDS NEW YEAR MESSAGES

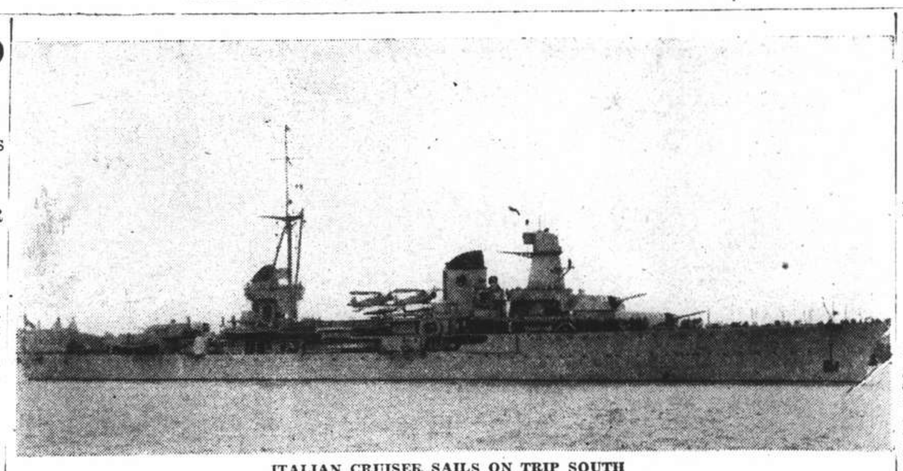
Kings and Heads of State of Many Lands Greeted

Berlin, Jan. 3.

The Fuehrer exchanged New Year's messages with a number of foreign sovereigns on New Year's day, namely with King George VI of Britain, the King of the Belgians, and the Kings of Denmark, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Norway, Rumania and Sweden and with Prince Paul, of Regent of Yugoslavia, and Admiral Horthy, the Regent of Hungary, furthermore with the Presidents of Guatemala, Austria, Czechoslovakia and the head of the National Spanish Government, Gen. Francisco Franco.

The Fuehrer also conveyed New Year's greetings to Pope Pius XI who reciprocated the good wishes, at the same time extending the message to the German people.

Messages were received from the King of Afghanistan, the Shah of Iran and the Premiers of Canada and Hungary by Chancellor Hitler who reciprocated them.—Trans-Ocean.



ITALIAN CRUISER SAILS ON TRIP SOUTH

The Italian cruiser Montecuccoli, which has been here since early in the hostilities left yesterday morning bound for southern waters. She will visit Borneo and then proceed to Australia. Picture shows her swinging at Garden Bend before proceeding down the Whangpoo.

SOVIETS END YEAR OF PURGES WITH MASS ELECTIONS

M. Stalin's Extraordinary Record of Eliminating Notable Men on "Sabotage" Charge

Moscow, Jan. 2.

SOVIET Russia's development and progress in the year 1937 was vividly marked by the ruthless continuation of the policy of purging the administration of undesirable elements, often including former notable personalities, culminating in several great trials. Economically the situation in Soviet Russia at the end of 1937 is not unfavourable although it appears that the limit of the U.S.S.R. capacity for production has been reached.

The first important public trial of 1937 was that against the "Trotskyist anti-Soviet centre" in January, which resulted in the death sentence being meted out to seventeen accused among whom were Messrs. Piatakov and Serebriakov for espionage, betrayal, sabotage and terrorism while M. Karl Radek and M. Sokolnikov were sentenced to serve ten years in prison. This trial followed that in August, 1936, against the "Trotskyist and Zinovievist centre," which resulted in the shooting of the sixteen accused among whom were Messrs. Zinoviev and Kamenev.

The second great trial of 1937 took place on June 12, 1937, and resulted in the death sentence, immediately carried out against Marshal Tukhatchevsky, and the Generals Oubrorevitch, Eideman, Kork, Primakov, Yakir, and Putna.

The last important trial of the year was held on December 16, and was followed by the immediate execution of M. Karakhan, former Ambassador to China; and Messrs. Enukidze, Orachelachvili, Cheboldaev, Larine and Steiger.

Imprisoned "Bolshevists"

Furthermore, an incalculable number of important personalities classed in the Soviet encyclopedia as "Old Bolshevists" are at present in jail. Among these are M. Rykov, former President of the Council; M. Rudzutak, former Vice-President; M. Boubnov, ex-Education Commissar and considered at one time, the official historian of Bolshevism; and Messrs. Grinko, Roukhimovitch, Kaminski, Lioubimov, and Mejlaouk, all former Commissars of the U.S.S.R.

Also in jail are several former diplomats, among these are M. Krectinski, former Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs; and Messrs. Youreniev, Rosenberg, Bogomolov, Asmus, Brokovski, Karski, Yakoubovitch, Fekner, Neyman, Gaikis and Stern. Over fifty per cent. of Soviet Ambassadors and Ministers were disgraced.

Mysterious "Disappearances"

Several other personalities mysteriously "disappeared." Among these are two former Vice-Commissars of Defence, and Genearl Alksnis, chief of the Air Forces; Admiral Orlov, chief of the Naval forces; General Bokis, mechanization chief of the Red Army; General Velikanov, and three military district political Commissars, Messrs. Ozolin, Mezis, and Apse.

Lesser Stars "Lost"

Several others were also classified as "disappeared," among these being the Statistical Director of the Tass News Agency, the President of the Society for Cultural Relations Abroad, and a few lesser personalities.

In short, any head which rose slightly above the average, was cut down.

In this category can be classed the great aviation builder M. Toupolev, and the famous writer, M. Boris Pilniak.

Only six Peoples' Commissars out of nineteen maintained their positions throughout the year.

These are M. Maxim Litvinov, Foreign Commissar, M. Iejov, Home Commissar; Marshal Klementil Voroshilov, War Commissar; M. Mikovan, who became Vice-President of the Council; M. Krylenko, Commissar for Justice, and M. Pakhomov, Maritime Transports Commissar. These, however, have been subjected lately to severe criticism.

"Democratic Elections"

On December 12, the universal suffrage elections to the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., were held.

These elections were termed "the most democratic in the world," but at the last minute, the electors were invited to vote for one candidate only, appointed by the system of raised hands in the pre-electoral assembly, and no other candidate was allowed to present himself for election. Parliament will be comprised of 855 Communists out of a total of 1,143 deputies

The elections strengthened the personal power of M. Joseph Stalin, "the first deputy of the nation."

The repression plan continued beyond the elections, but the convocation of the Supreme Soviet for January 12, renders further great trials ill-timed.

Soviet Trial Methods

According to the law adopted on December 1, 1934, which was applied in the trial against Marshal Tukhatchevsky and M. Karakhan, court cases can be held without lawyers or witnesses, and with no right of appeal by the accused.

The charge is only made known to the accused 24 hours before the trial, and the sentence of death or acquittal is carried out immediately.

It is probable that the personalities now in jail will be tried in this manner by small groups and without the trials being made known.

Economic Situation

At the beginning of the year, there was a decline in Soviet production due to the premature use of machines, a decrease in yield, and an increase in accidents.

The appointment of M. Lazare Kaganovitch, one of the ablest men of the regime, as head of the Soviet Heavy Industry, resulted in an improvement in the situation.

He succeeded in bringing about a recovery, and the figures for the production of coal, steel, and pig-iron, which had decreased considerably when compared with the provisions of the Five-Year plan, improved rapidly and are now nearly up to the expectations of the plan.

Stakhanovism has ceased to be the exception and has become the normal thing. There are no more individual Stakhanovists but Stakhanovist groups and work-shops.

The third Five-Year plan is not yet known, but it is learned that an increase of 15.6 per cent. is expected in the total production for the first three months of 1938 as compared with the identical period in 1937.—Havas.

JAPANESE TIGERMEN IN THE LEAD

Perseverance, Courage and Recklessness Traits

Nagoya, Jan. 3.

Representing the Society of Men Born in the Year of the Tiger, Mr. Jirozaemon Ito, one of the leading businessmen here, will soon leave for China to greet Gen. Iwane Matsui, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force who is a member of the Society.

The organization which incorporates a large number of notables born in the year of the tiger, according to the zodiacal calendar, was formed in 1936 by the then Premier, Mr. Koki Hirota to-day the Foreign Minister.

Mr. Ito told Domei that both Gen. Matsui and Mr. Hirota, born under the sign of tiger, are now given an opportunity to display the traits of one. In Japanese lore, the tiger stands for perseverance, courage and recklessness.—Domei.

TAGALOG LANGUAGE FOR FILIPINOS

New York Journal Utters Strong Criticism

New York, Jan. 2.

Criticism of the adoption by Filipinos of "Tagalog" as the official idiom was expressed to-day in an editorial in the "Herald-Tribune."

Entitled "Linguistic Nationalism," the editorial called attention to the fact that fewer than half of the Filipinos speak Tagalog. Other disadvantages mentioned were the limited vocabulary, its inadaptability to modern conditions, and its useless outside the Philippines.

Calling attention to Norse, Irish and Turkish examples, however, the editorial concluded, "However misguided one may think this is, it must be recognized there have been precedents. The tendency to hedge a new-founded freedom with language barriers is a form of human perversity which is not peculiar to the Philippines."—United Press.

FRANCO-SOVIET TRADE PACT EXTENDED

Moscow, Jan. 3.

The provisional trade agreement between Soviet Russia and France, in operation since 1935, was again extended to-day to cover 1938 on the same terms. In 1936 it was revised to allow exporters of goods to Russia the advantage of the French State's credit insurance scheme.—Reuter.

POPE PIUS HAS QUIET NEW YEAR'S DAY

Rome, Jan. 3.

Pope Pius XI granted no audiences on New Year's day in the Vatican but attended an early mass and later went for a drive through the Vatican gardens. A press report points out that on January 1, Pope Pius, had filled the pontifical office fifteen years' ten months and sixteen days and attained an age of eighty years, seven months and one day. Of 261 Popes, only 21 have held the office as long as Pius XI.—Trans-Ocean.

Anglo-American Trade Talks to Commence Soon

Special Statement Expected in Washington

BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS BEING STUDIED

Washington, Jan. 3.

The State Department has begun the drafting of a notice informing the public of its intention to negotiate a trade agreement with Great Britain. This notice, according to an official of the State Department to-day, may be issued during the coming week.

Such an announcement would be the second step in the conclusion of an Anglo-American trade pact. The first was the notice issued in November by Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, stating that the United States "contemplated" the negotiation of a reciprocal trade agreement with Britain.

On that occasion Mr. Hull invited interested persons in the United States to submit suggestions to the State Department concerning what product should be included in the treaty.

The actual start of negotiations is now believed to be very near. It must be preceded by public hearings, at which interested persons can state their objections to reductions in American tariff being made on any particular class of goods.

It is hoped that an effective contribution to an improvement in world trade will result from the Anglo-American trade negotiations.

Wheat Market Hopes

According to the "Journal of Commerce," high-grade cotton and rayon textiles, cutlery, straw hats, Nottingham lace, briar pipes, shirts, linen handkerchiefs, and the more expensive woollen goods and fine leather goods, including shoes, are among the classes of British imports likely to benefit from tariff reductions under the proposed pact. The United States, the journal adds, will probably press for concessions in farm products, especially wheat.

Well-informed quarters here believe that the British Government has consented to grant to some American products treatment equal to that which it now accords to goods from the British Dominions under the Empire preference scheme, believing that more intimate commercial ties between Britain and the United States would set an example to other nations to join in a general movement for a reduction in world trade barriers.—Reuter.

MME. CHIANG ASKS U.S. AID

Japanese Boycott Urged as Means to Curb Warriors

Columbia, Miss., Jan. 2.

What the outcome of the Sino-Japanese hostilities would be Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Generalissimo, did not know, when she wrote a letter received here to-day by the Rev. Peyton Stephens, Baptist missionary in China for thirty years.

"I do not know what the outcome of this war will be," Madame Chiang Kai-shek wrote. "But whatever advance the Japanese may make is due to the tonnage of their explosives, not to valour or superior tactics.....

"Tell your country China is united as never before....Ask your readers not to buy or sell Japanese goods. Go further and ask that all imports from and exports to Japan be halted. Remember that every day of the war means thousands of human lives are sacrificed."—United Press.

U.S. NEW YEAR DEATH TOLL MOUNTING

Road Accidents Takes Major Number of Lives

New York, Jan. 2.

Two hundred and ninety-eight persons were killed in accidents during the New Year's holidays in the United States, it was learned to-day. At least two-thirds of the total resulted from traffic accidents.

Illinois so far led all other states with 54 deaths. Twenty-seven died in Pennsylvania, 25 in New York and eighteen in California.

It was believed, however, the total number of deaths would not be equal to the toll during the Christmas week-end.—United Press.

SOVIET TRAINING FLIERS FOR CHINA

Hongkong, Jan. 2.

A former Chinese resident of Hongkong has informed friends in a letter written from Vladivostok that he, as well as a large number of other Chinese, is now being trained as pilots by the Soviet Russian air force.—Trans-Ocean.

Rawalpindi to Sail for Home Ports To-day

D.K.K. to Place Another Ship On Dairen-S'hai Run

D'ARTAGNAN LEAVING ON SATURDAY

The P. & O. liner Rawalpindi, which arrived from Kobe on Sunday afternoon and tied up at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Pootung Wharf, is to sail for Home ports this morning. A passenger tender will leave the Customs Jetty at about 9 o'clock this morning for the ship, the 17,000 tons liner leaving port an hour or so later. She is bound for Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said, Malta, Marseilles, Gibraltar and London.

The Dairen Kishen Kaisha (Dairen Steamship Co., Ltd.) announces that its line between Shanghai, which is at present being maintained by the ss. Dairen Maru, will be augmented this month by the addition of the ss. Hoten Maru to the service.

The Hoten Maru will arrive here on January 16 and will leave for Dairen the next day. After that, a four-day service will be maintained by the two steamers. The Dairen Maru, incidentally, is expected to arrive in port on Friday, sailing on her return journey northwards at about 4 o'clock that same afternoon. She will make one more call here, on January 13, before she is joined by her sister ship, the Hoten Maru.

The Week's Sailings

Sailings this week for the Straits and Europe include, in addition to the Rawalpindi, the Messageries Maritimes liner D'Artagnan, which is due to arrive from Japan on Friday and to sail the following day for Marseilles, by way of Hongkong, Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Djibouti, Suez and Port Said. She will be followed on January 9 by the Norddeutscher Lloyd ss. Trave, bound for Marseilles, Oran, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Bremen. En route, the Trave will call at Hongkong, Singapore, Belawan, Colombo and Port Said.

To-morrow, the Maersk Line mv. Marchen Maersk will sail with cargo and passengers for Los Angeles, Panama Canal, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Savannah and Norfolk. On Friday, the K.P.M. Line ss. Houtman will sail from Holt's Wharf, Pootung, with cargo for all ports in South' East and West Africa and also the East coast of South America. Her present schedule covers the ports of Mauritius, Lourenço Marques, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mossel Bay and Capetown, with calls at Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore and Batavia en route.

Coastal sailings to-day are light, with only three Indo-China S.N. Co. ships listed to leave port. These are the ss. Siangwo, sailing at 7 o'clock this morning form the Peking Road jetty for Kowan via Tungchow; the ss. Yatshing, sailing from the A.P.C. wharf, Gough Island, at noon for Chefoo and Tientsin; and the ss. Fausang, sailing from the Roosevelt Terminal (the new name for the old Kinleeyuen Wharf since January 1) at noon for Swatow, Hongkong and Canton.

For Coastal Ports

To-morrow will be a much busier day for coastal shipping. Although the Java-China-Japan Line's ss. Tjisaroea is really on ocean-going ship, yet she falls in this category by virtue of her several calls at coastal ports on her way south. She will be sailing from Holt's Wharf, Pootung, to-morrow with cargo and passengers for Amoy, Hongkong, Muntok, Batavia, Cheribon, Semarang and Soerbaia.

Other sailings during the day include:—For Tungchow, the C.N. ss. Wusueh, sailing from the French Bund at 8 a.m.; for Chefoo and Tientsin, the I.-C. ss. Kwaisang, sailing from the Roosevelt Terminal at noon; for Swatow, Hongkong and Canton, the I.-C. ss. Tingsang, sailing from the Roosevelt Terminal at noon; and for Amoy, Hongkong and Canton, the C.N. ss. Tsinan, sailing from the French Bund at 6 a.m.

One further sailing of note this week is that of the E. & A. ss. Nellore, which is to leave port on Friday for Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama, Rabaul, Brisbane Sydney, and Melbourne.

ROBBERS ENTER HOUSE IN MARKHAM ROAD

Six men, four of whom were armed with pistols, entered No. 32 4 Markham Road at 2.30 a.m. yesterday, and stole the sum of $14,85. No shots were fired, and the men made good their escape before the police could be summoned.

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One of Italy's most up-to-date and finest cruisers, the Raimondo Montecuccoli, Captain A. da Zara in command, sailed from her mooring off the Roosevelt Terminal yesterday morning, bringing to an end her extended stay in the Whangpoo River since the early days of the hostilities. The Raimondo Montecuccoli was a welcome addition to "Battleship Row" when she arrived here, for in size she is comparable to the Augusta, Primauguet and the British 10,000-tonners.

She arrived in Shanghai after the remarkably quick passage of seventeen days from Venice, but her trip south will be a more leisurely affair. It will be a welcome change for her officers and crew, too, for she is bound for Australia, where she is to attend the celebrations held in honour of that commonwealth's sesqui-centenary. After that, she will probably sail for Africa and eventually home.

Another large vessel to leave "Battleship Row" in the next day or so will be the U.S.S. Augusta, leaving at long last for Manila on Wednesday or Thursday. Twice before she made arrangements to sail, but something cropped up at the last moment on each occasion, and she postponed her departure.

Admiral H. E. Yarnell, whose flagship she is, will not be leaving Shanghai, however, for he is to transfer his flag to the U.S.S. Isabel, which is expected to arrive from Manila to-day.

Mr. R. G. Howe, the British Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Etienne Lardy, the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. H. C. Chen, Education Officer, S.M.C., and member of the Education Committee, International Red Cross, and the Very Rev. A. C. S. Trivett will be guests of honour of the Cosmopolitan Club at the Park Hotel, to-morrow at noon. Mr. H. C. Chen will speak on "How to Educate 300,000 Refugees in Shanghai." Mr. Trivett will address the members on "Co-ordination of Foreign Charity Work in Shanghai." Those who have not made their reservations yet may telephone 31164, Mr. P. K. Chu, the Hon. Secretary of the Cosmopolitan Club to-day.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE amount set aside in the new budget for the establishment of a new French North Atlantic air service has now definitely been fixed at 95,000,000 Francs.

Dr. L. Merson, specialist in children's diseases, is sailing on Friday by the ss. Nellore to connect with the President Coolidge for the United States where he will spend eight months in research work.

The post holiday season of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Lecture and Forum programme opens this evening [illegible] 30 p.m. Mr. L. V. Arnoldov, editor of the "Shanghai Zaria," will [illegible] the speaker on the subject "The Psychology of Revolution." Members and friends interested in this important subject and one of particular interest are invited to attend.

THE Samoan Clipper landed at Kingman Reef at 4.21 p.m. on Sunday, Pacific Standard time, (8.21 a.m. Sunday, Shanghai time), officials of the Pan-American Airlines announced. The giant airship was expected to reach Honolulu yesterday morning. The clipper left Pago Pago shortly after its arrival there this morning on its return flight from New Zealand.

The augmented choir of the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, which appeared recently with such favour in combination with the Municipal Orchestra, will sing a programme to-night in the hall of the French Municipal School. Under the leadership of I. A. Kolchin, and preceded by a 15-minute lecture on aspects of the concert, they will render, unaccompanied, a variety of church chorals.

THROUGHOUT all the towns in Italy, a celebration was held on Sunday on the occasion of the distribution of prizes in the National Wheat Competition. Over 18,000 agricultural labourers took part in the contest, which is one of the elements of the "battle of the wheat" decreed by Il Duce in 1925, for the intensive culture of wheat so as to make Italy independent of foreign agricultural support.

AFTER having wandered through Europe since last summer and since all countries which he tried to enter refused to grant him an asylum, "Kid Tigar," lieutenant of Al Capone, notorious Chicago gangster, now has placed his last hopes on the diminutive Republic of Andorra on the Franco-Spanish border. According to the papers in Paris, it appears however that the inhabitants of the miniature Republic are not very anxious to see the American gangster chief take up his residence in their idyllic little country.

NINE earthquakes ranging in intensity from the third to seventh degrees rocked wide areas in Mexico on Sunday. Seismological observers said the new quakes brought the total number of tremors since December 23 to more then 200, the longest series of earthquakes to strike Mexico in over 20 years. The centre of the quakes was seven miles from the Bay of Tecoyame, where the majority of recent quakes originated. The earthquakes continued throughout the day, alarming towns and villages near the Bay of Tecoyame every few hours.

First presented in Paris 902 years ago, and the talk of the town, Halevy's "La Juive" (The Jewess) has been selected by the Shanghai Opera Company as their initial production in the Carlton Theatre on Saturday. This opera will be repeated on January 9 and 13, with the curtain raising at 7.30 p.m., nightly. Among those taking part are V. Shushlin, A. Shimansky P. Markeff, A. Selivosky and K. Sitnikova. N. Sokolsky is rehearsing the ballet, which contains such favourites as Baranova, N. Anteres and D. Yanover, while the talented male dancers, S. Lantzoff and V. Shevlugin, will appear in the third act.

MUSIC

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Considering the well-known fact that the New Year festive season is not a profitable one for the concert-providing industry all the world over, the attendance at last Sunday's concert, given by the S.M.C. orchestra, under Signor Paci, was not so bad and conferred great credit upon its component parts.

The first half of the programme was entirely devoted to works by Beethoven consisting of the overture to Coriolanus, the concert aria for soprano "Ah! perfido," and symphony number 5 in C minor, to which a tolerable performance was accorded by the orchestra. The soloist, Madame Julia Markovska, is a decided acquisition and it is to be hoped that we will have many more opportunitics of hearing her both on the stage and on the concert platform. She is a dramatic soprano of wide range and considerable power and is obviously experienced as an operatic singer who is fully equal to the exigencies of the difficult test piece which she had chosen to sing. Actually song writing is not Beethoven's forte, and virtuosity has been the curse of the so-called "Italian opera"; it would be interesting to hear what Madame Markovska would make of Mozart's more subtle dramatic vocal writings.

After the interval the same singer treated us to the song "Depuis le Jour" from Charpentier's "Louise," an opera which was first produced in the year 1900 and proved an immediate success with the Parisian public. Madame Markovska sang in English this time and successfully demonstrated her versatility not only with regard to her linguistic capacity but to her range of dramatic expression. She gave reply to well deserved applause an encore in Russian with which I am unfamiliar and which was not announced. To wind up the orchestra played three excerpts from Berlioz' cantata "La Damnation de Faust," composed in 1846.

The performance of the first of these "the dance of the sprites" was marred by lack of delicacy and precision, but the "dance of the sylphs" and in the stirring "Hungarian march" were the best efforts of the evening as far as orchestra and conductor were concerned. The concert ended at the entirely reasonable hour of 7.15.—F.A.

Canada Watches World and Arms In Self-Defence

Merits of League of Nations Not Wholly Obscured

COURAGEOUS STAND FOR FREEDOM ADVOCATED

Ottawa, Jan. 2.

Canada's awareness of the dangers awaiting poorly armed states in the present condition of the world is illustrated strikingly in speeches by members of the government as well as by the announcement of the Minister of National Defence that during the fiscal year it is planned to add 102 new aeroplanes to the Canadian Air Force.

In an address here, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, said: "Wherever freedom is to be preserved, there must be men courageous enough to put their breasts against those who would destroy it."

In this speech the Premier paid tribute to the Governments of Britain and France and warned of the danger of precipitate action in recent crises. "The greatest possible care has to be taken," he said, "that through some mistaken step or misdirected effort, a very large fire is not started in an attempt to pull out a smaller one. If areas of actual conflict have been confined to the extent they have, it is because some nations have been strong enough and great enough to preserve almost to the limit of endurance, an attitude of restraint."

Mr. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence, emphasized that "we must not leave Canada defenceless before land-hungry, free-booting nations or swashbuckling international gangsters."

Mr. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Revenue, said that the League of Nations was "not an effective means of defence against aggression" and that a strongly armed United Kingdom was "a much surer guarantee of peace."

Members of the League

Mr. Ilsley was one of Canada's delegates to the eighteenth Assembly of the League in 1937. He confessed he had gone to Geneva somewhat pessimistic about the operations of the League, but his observations and experiences had greatly encouraged him.

The League's critics, he contended, should distinguish between the League itself and factors not essentially connected with the League. Two hampering factors were the state of public opinion in member countries which prevented governments from taking steps that might involve them in risk or loss, and lack of universality of League membership.

This lack of universality was noted in another speech by Senator Dandurand, Canada's chief delegate to the League Assembly, who said the existing chaos was "primarily due to the absence of the United States at Geneva."—Reuter.

RUMANIA TO BUILD MAGINOT LINE

Vast Expenditure on West Frontier Impending

Bucharest, Jan. 3.

Rumania plans to spend twenty milliard lei (some £30,000,000 on fortifying her western frontier during the next few years, according to one of the country's best known political and financial leaders.

The project, it is stated, is not one of a single party, but has the full support of the entire nation. Dr. Iules Maniu, a former Premier and one of the most vigorous opponents of the present Government, recently made speeches in the frontier cities of Transylvania—which would be the first targets in an attack from the west—in favour of a chain of fortifications extending from the Yugoslav frontier on the south to the Czechoslovak frontier on the north.

Twenty milliard lei represents a little more than two-thirds of the country's annual budget. It is not believed that the money can be found in the immediate future, but that the present Government will make a special effort to raise sufficient sums as fast as they are required.

Peasants and soldiers who have already proved themselves most effective in the construction of strategic railways in Transylvania, are expected to do the greater part of the work of building the defences.—Reuter.

Refugee Jews Turned Back

Vienna, Jan. 3.

The first party of refugees Jews from Rumania arrived at the Austro-Hungarian frontier near Hegyeshalom yesterday where the Austrian authorities refused to allow them to pass.—Trans-Ocean.

Czech Sanctuary

Prague, Jan. 3.

The first two groups of Jewish refugees from Rumania, consisting chiefly of women and children, arrived to-day in Uzhorod, in eastern Czechoslovakia, where a relief fund has been opened. More refugees are expected to arrive there soon.—Reuter.

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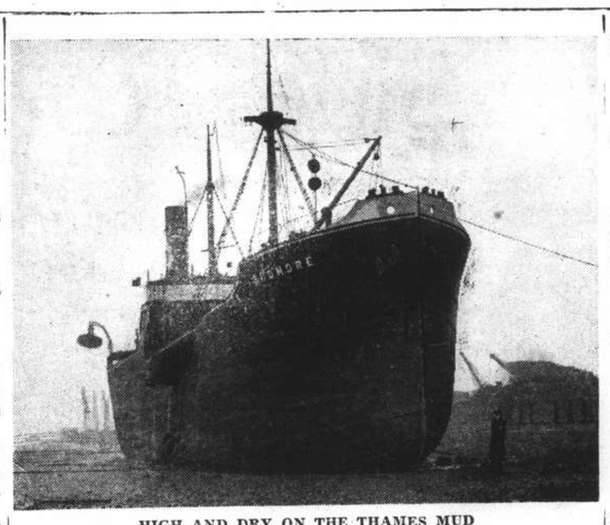

HIGH AND DRY ON THE THAMES MUD

The steamer Rudmore high and dry on the Thames mud near Harland and Wolff's wharf, North Woolwich, following a collision with the steamer Betancuria.

Japanese Cinema Roof Crashes, Kills 70

Tokyo, Jan. 3.

Casualties in the collapse of a snow-laden roof of a cinema house at Tokamachi in Niagata Prefecture on New Year's night were announced to-day as 70 killed and 68 injured.

Of those injured, two thirds were in a serious condition. More than 300 persons were trapped under the debris when the weight of the snow caused the top of the building to plunge into the auditorium with a terrifying crackle of splintering wood. A veritable avalanche was hurtled on the heads of 700 spectators of a special New Year programme.

Municipal authorities are conducting an investigation to prevent repetition of such disasters.—Domei.

Japanese Push Down Tientsin Pukow R'way

(Continued from page 5)

In order to prevent injury to non-combatant pedestrians on a bridge on the Canton-Hongkong Highway, Japanese naval airmen stayed bombing operations until all passers by had sought refuge, a Japanese naval spokesman said yesterday evening.

This, he said, occurred in an operation on Sunday, when in addition to the bridge, a "mosquito-boat" shed at Whampoa, the seat of the Chinese Military Academy, was bombed and destroyed.

An aerial attack also was made on the Hankow-Canton railway at Yingtak, he added.

In Shantung, Japanese naval aircraft were active bombing Chinese military concentrations at Pingtu, about 50 miles north-west of Tsingtao, and destroying railway facilities used for the transportation of troops at Sinanchen, halfway between Hsuchow and Haichow on the Lunghai railway.

Shantung Advance Continued

Hankow, Jan. 3.

The Japanese continued their advance this morning in southerly direction from Taian and are now reported to be about six miles north of Nanyih, from where the Chinese had retreated after the evacuation of Taian.

It is confirmed here that the Chinese have abandoned their intention of offering further resistance in this section of the front, and are contenting themselves with impeding the Japanese advance by destroying the railway lines.

Official circles here likewise admit that Tsingtao has been practically abandoned to its fate after all valuable plant in the city had been destroyed. In this connection the declaration of the Chinese Government that all towns evacuated by the Chinese troops will be burnt down in order to obstruct the enemy advance is recalled.

From the Hangchow front it is reported that the Japanese are now seeking to set off the series of minor Chinese successes by operations on a big scale along the Lunghai railway. On the Shansi front, especially along the railway from Tientsin to Pukow, the situation is stated to be unchanged.—Trans-Ocean.

Chinese Version of Battle

Nanchang, Jan. 3.

A Japanese aeroplane was shot down by Chinese pursuit 'planes near the Poyang Lake yesterday.

At 1 p.m., a fleet of 22 Japanese aeroplanes appeared in the lake area, and was challenged by a squadron of Chinese pursuit planes. A sharp air battle ensued, in the course of which one of the raiders was brought down, and the others driven off. More than 60 bombs dropped by the Japanese fell mostly in the fields, causing little material damage.—Kuo Min.

Pirates Captured

Tsingtao, Jan. 3.

Twenty-two Chinese pirates stealing coal from the naval wharf here were captured to-day by foreign volunteers. The volunteers approached the wharf from the sea in junks, while the freebooters were busy loading their own craft with coal.

In a running battle, the majority of the thieves escaped to sea in their junks but 22 of them were cut off by the volunteers and captured. Police junks have now been stationed at the entrance to the harbour to guard against further depredations.

The city's Chinese volunteer administrators are now laying plans to take over all administrative duties from the foreign volunteers.—Reuter.

CHINESE ADVANCE ON HANCHOW

Counter-Attack on City Claimed Successful

Hankow, Jan. 3.

Reporting on the success of the Chinese counter-attack in the Hangchow front, General Chang Fa-kuei, former Commander of the "Ironsides," who is now directing the campaign in Chekiang, states that after establishing close contact with the flying columns, the Chinese troops in western Chekiang and outside of Hangchow have launched a counter-drive on Hangchow from Fuyang, 20 miles south-west of Hangchow, and Yuhang, ten miles west of the lake city. Pushing rapidly towards the Chekiang provincial capital, the Chinese forces inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese troops.

The vanguards of the Chinese forces continued their drive from Liuhota (pagoda), near the Hangchow Christian College, towards Hupaoshan this morning, while Chinese plain-clothes units are active in the walled city, the message continues. The Japanese garrison in Hangchow have withdrawn the city, the recapture of which is only a matter of time.

Another column is heading towards the West Lake region. Severe fighting is reported to have broken out between the Chinese and Japanese troops at Ssuyentsing near the West Lake. Several extensive fires involving the Municipal Government Building, the Museum and the business quarter of Hangchow have broken out.—Kuo Min.

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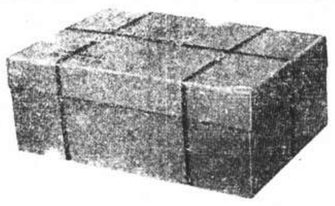

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Omission of Mrs. Kirby-Green Name Un-British

The biggest rumpus in the history of sports flying has broken out among air men and women in Britain over the failure of the Royal Aero Club to incorporate the name of Mrs. Betty Kirby-Green as co-pilot for the official recognition of her recent Cape-and-back record flight with Flying Officer A. E. Clouston, states Victor Burnett in the "Sunday Express."

Leading members of the club, I understand, are demanding a full explanation of the action, which they describe as unfair and unsportsmanlike.

The Royal Aero Club is the governing body for sporting flying in his country.

When a record has been made by a Briton in a British machine the club sends the facts to Federation Aeronautique Internationale for official recognition in its lists. The F.A.I. only takes this information officially from the club.

If a record is not on the F.A.I. list it is not recognised.

Jim Mollison said to me last night: "I shall seriously consider resigning from the club if something is not done. It is most un-British and unsporting."

Mrs. Kirby-Green, with tears in her eyes, said to me: "It's a rotten shame. I did do my fair share of the flying.

"I've made practically no money out of the flight, and I don't care a flag for the publicity. But I thought I had got what I wanted—the honour of sharing the record.

To Fight

"After all, why should they bar me? I've ample proof of my flying experience, and I'm prepared to prove it to the club committee. I'm going to fight."

She gave me a copy of a letter which she has written to the secretary of the Royal Aero Club. In it she says:—

"This appears to me to be a marvellous example of non-existent British sportsmanship. . . .

I should like an explanation, as your action directly challenges my word and Flying-Officer Clouston's that I did 50 per cent. of the flying.

Clouston, as you know, did all the landings and take-offs—and I understand that in the Melbourne race in 1934 with Scott and Black, Scott did the same, and yet this was regarded as a 50 per cent. effort.

I admit inexperience, but I feel in view of your attitude I should like to point out that you did accord a record to Flying-Officer Llewellyn and Mrs. Jill Wyndham, and I believe that at the time Mrs. Wyndham had less experience than myself."

Clouston's observation was: "I know some people think that the statement that Betty did half the flying is a line-shoot and not true, but I give you my word of honour that it is so.

"She flew the 'plane in really difficult conditions and rotten weather while I snatched essential sleep."

I understand that the official Aero Club view is that Mrs. Kirby-Green could not have the record as she was not allowed to take the machine off or land it.

The secretary would require further proof of Mrs. Kirby-Green's claim that she did fifty per cent. of the flying.

"The rules are quite clear," said an official. "The record goes to the senior pilot. As far as we know Mrs. Wyndham never held an official record."

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SPECTATORS THRILLED BY OPEN GAME

TRADITIONAL in Shanghai's rugger history have been the Christmas and New Year holiday matches, and while the Club XV this year has fallen below its usual strength, nevertheless the representative side gave a creditable showing against what must be acknowledged as one of the strongest Combined Britisn Services sides seen in Shanghai.

In yesterday's match, which was watched by a large gathering, to whom the shelter of the Canidrome stands proved a great boon due to the numbing cold, the Services ran out winners over the Club by three goals, a penalty goal and two tries (24 points) to a goal, a penalty goal and a try (11 points). The winners were held to a lead of 13-5 at the interval, but in the second half, they exploited the open game to greatest effect and delighted the crowd with a number of grand threequarter movements; indeed, so much so that the Club in turn were enthused and rallied strongly, thereby providing spectators with some very interesting play.

The cold weather had its effect on both sides and in the earlier minutes neither could find their "hands," the eventual warming up enabling players to get the "feel" of the ball. The ground had dried out considerably overnight and was in the best condition and there was little wind to affect the play. The Services made two changes in their team, Cpl. Scott and Pte. Hogbin of the Durham Light Infantry taking the places of Lts. T. A. G. Pritchard and B. H M. May, while P. De Beaumont deputized for A. G. White of the Club XV.

Praise to Winners

To the winners must go all the praise for the day's interesting play. They gained an understanding right from the start, and their outsides were far and away better than their opposite numbers in the Club threes and half lines. In the Services threes, L/Cpl. Thomas and Fus. Floyd took the limelight. Both cut through the Club defence time and again to pave the way to tries, and indeed in this respect both outshone Captain J. R. Cole, who however in less spectacular manner schemed for the openings and gave his colleagues every opportunity, capping his day's play with a glorious try after swerving his way through half the Club defence.

The Service wings were both given opportunities galore, Jones more so than Docherty. The former was very unlucky when he was bundled over the flag on two occasions when a try seemed certain. Lt. Gray, at fullback, was very steady and found touch with good length. L/Cpl. Bruton served his fly half with the best of passes and was very steady.

The Services' pack gained the better of things in the tight scrums, L/Cpl. Beddon, of the D.L.I., hooking for them and getting the better of I. M. Macrae of the Club pack. Both packs shoved well, and it must not be imagined that the Club were wholly beaten in the tight, for they got the ball back fairly often. McGregor however being handicapped as it came out of the back rank slowly and he was continually being sat upon by Goulding and Bruton, the former being particularly good at his smothering game. Fus. Eagle of the Welch Fusiliers kicked some very pretty goals, and his conversions (twice) from the most difficult angles brought off rounds of applause.

Club Plays Hard

The Club have been acknowledged as weak outside the pack this year and the deficiency was very apparent yesterday. That they did their best and played hard right up to "no side" was apparent by the manner in which they nearly reduced the score by the pressure they exerted towards the end of the game. P. De Beaumont who played for A. G. White was very steady yesterday and his kicking excellent.

Of the threes, G. S. McGill on one wing was dangerous when given possession, but he was guilty of trying to intercept passes—a very dangerous practice especially when he left Docherty—his wing man unmarked. A Thomas handled and kicked well, while Rigg's tackling was good and Bastian on the other extreme, found touch with good length.

R. H. Roe reverted to the position of stand off half yesterday—a position he took up earlier in the season, but the experiment did not work. His handling earlier on was weak although in justice to him McGregor's passes were not of the best. The half question is still the most pressing one facing the selectors and Roe must apparently go back into the threequarter line.

Sharp Contrast

The contrast between the play of the outside of the two teams was very marked. Whereas the Services worked as a machine, the Club's movements were very ragged and lacked the enterprise seen in the winners' movements. Cole attempted his cuts through only when the opportunity afforded and left his inside threes, Floyd and Thomas, to attempt the individual pieces of brilliance which each brought off well. In contrast, the Club halves and threes were guilty of running across the field and crowding into each other, without drawing the man or creating an opening for the wings to get away. Both Bastian and McGill were never given an opportunity to make good runs, mainly through lack of scheming on the Club threes, but also due to the close marking by the Services outsides.

The bright spot in the Club's performance was that of the forwards in the loose. S. A. Wallace was again the outstanding player in these movements, and continually up on the ball, while G. Gordon Brown was seen well up as was W. J. Richmond. The teams were:

COMBINED SERVICES:—Sub- Lt. A. Gray (H.M.S. Folkstone), L/Cpl. Jones (R.W.F.), L/Cpl. Thomas (R.W.F.), Fus. Floyd (R.W.F.), E. R. A. Docherty (H.M.S. Folkstone), Captain J. R. Cole (Loyal Regiment), L/Cpl. Bruton (R.W.F.), Cpl. Bebb (R.W.F.) (capt.), L/Cpl. Beddon (D.L.I.), Fus. Eagle (R.W.F.), Sug. Lt. T. M. A. Drysdale, (H.M.S. Folkstone), Cpl. Scott (D.L.I.), Pte. Hogbin (D.L.I.), Fus. Morgan (R.W.F.), Pte. Goulding (Loyal Regiment).

CLUB 1ST XV:—P. De Beaumont, G. S. McGill, A. Thomas, W. H. B. Rigg, G. C. Bastian, R. H. Roe, J. A. McGregor, W. D. Pearson, I. M. Macrae, R. A. O. Mayne, G. Gordon Brown, A. M. Kennedy, W. J. Richmond, R. T. Burch, S. A. Wallace.

Services Kick Off

The Services kicked off and pressed strongly, their forwards taking the ball at their feet practically to the Club goal-line, Bastian being prominent in relieving the pressure with a long kick into touch. Cole counter kicked and found touch and Rigg in similar manner took play back to the centre of the field. The Services threes went off to a movement, and Floyd cut through to give Docherty a long pass which was unfortunately forward.

A Club movement saw Roe running across the field and giving to Rigg, the latter transferring to McGill who was brought down. The Services threes were away and Thomas, attempting a cut through was brought down by a fine tackle by McGill, but the latter spoilt this good work a moment later by attempting to run round inside his own "25" and was brought down, the ball rolling to De Beaumont who was bowled over by a bunch of Service forwards, Bebb going on to score. Eagle took the kick from a difficult angle and scored. (Services 5—Club 0).

Not to be deterred, the Club played back strongly and Thomas found touch with a long kick. From the lineout, which was inside the Services' "25," Bastian made a clever swerving run and went over to score. Rigg converted with a fine kick. (Services 5 Club 5). Play favoured the Services and Docherty made a good run only to be brought down by De Beaumont when it seemed he must score. A penalty was given against the Services in their own "25" when one of their defenders held on to the ball when lying on the ground. Rigg took the kick from an easy angle and failed to score.

Eagle Outstanding

From the drop out, the Services attacked and Cole started a fine movement which resulted in Floyd cutting through and putting Thomas away, the latter transferring to Jones who scored near the flag. Eagle took the kick from a very difficult angle and converted.

Jones was unfortunate twice in going through on the wing and on both occasions being bundled over the corner flag when it seemed he must score. Just before the half ended, the Services threes went away again and Floyd cut through cleverly to score, Eagle failing to convert. (Services (13—Club 5).

The second half brought added pressure by the Services and Cole missed when he attempted a drop at goal from close in. The Club were given a penalty and Thomas found touch near the Services line, a movement from the lineout seeing Rigg's pass to McGill going astray. De Beaumont found touch with a fine kick, and from the lineout, Thomas kicked ahead and followed up, the bounce of the ball confusing the Service defenders and Burch came up to pick the ball up and go on. He was tackled on the line, but Mayne came up and just managed to score. Macrae failed to convert. (Services 13—Club 8).

Club Threatens

The Club were as close to drawing level at this period as they had ever hoped to be and their added attempts to score were just short of success. Thomas kicked ahead repeatedly as did Roe and both followed up, but without effect. The run of play suddenly changed and the Services took up the attack again, Cole going through the civilian defence and scoring after a clever swerving run and Eagle failed to convert. (Services 16—Club 8).

The Club was penalized in their own "25" and Eagle scored with a difficult angle to contend with. (Services 19—Club 8). Cole put Floyd away and the latter score after another clever run and Eagle converted (Services 24—Club 8), and just before the match ended Rigg scored a penalty goal with a fine kick thereby bringing the final score to (Services 24—Club 11).

WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the S.F.A. fixtures for the week-end:—

SATURDAY

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—R.A.M.C. v. Savoia, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; P.T.H. v. French Forces, S.R.C., 2.30 p.m.

Reserve division.—A.S.F. v. D.L.I., R.G. 3; S.F.C. v. Sokol, R.G. 1.

3rd division.—Vitiaz v. Abteilung, Kiaochow.

SUNDAY

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—F.Y.M.C.A. v. Vitiaz, S.R.C., 2.30 p.m.; B.M.P. v. French Navy, R.G. 1, 2.30 p.m.

1st division.—A.S.F. v. D.L.I., Canidrome, 10.30 a m.

Reserve division.—S.F.X.A.A. v. R. W. F., Kiaochow; S.M.P. v. S.R.C., R.G. 2; Loyals v. Lusitano, R.G. 5.

3rd division.—J.R.C. v. J.A.C., Kiaochow, 10.45 a.m.

ACTION THAT EXCITED THE RUGGER CROWD

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

The speedy Service winger, L. Cpl. Jones, is seen getting the ball from Pte. Thomas just as the latter has been tackled by A. Thomas, while G. C. Bastian and R. H. Roe are running up to intercept Jones and W. J. Richmond follows up from behind.

Bastian, of the Club in black, is seen surrounded by Service players while G. Gordon Brown comes up to take the ball. The ball was knocked out of the hands of the prostrate man in white by Bastian's tackle.

UNITED HOCKEY CLUB BEAT LOYALS

Win by Single Goal After Prolonged Pressure

Fielding only four senior players, the Loyal Regiment went down to defeat before the United Hockey Club representatives in a friendly match which was held at the Race Course by a lone goal which was scored by Murray in the second half.

For more than half of the game, the United team had most of the play in their hands. Taking full advantage of the soldiers' weaknesses in front of their own goal as the full-backs failed to steady down, the United forwards were successful in keeping McDonald on the alert in goal and had it not been for the soldiers' custodian, who brought off some scintillating saves, especially in the second half, the score would have been a bigger one. Cronin, at centre-half, also showed up commendably as not only was he responsible in holding up several brilliant movements of the opposing forwards, but he endeavoured to keep his own front line moving with timely passes.

The United players displayed fine form in their defensive play. C. Fonseca and Pate as full-backs, P. Kermani, Moysey, and Berglof in the intermediate line made up a sterling combination which the Loyal forwards found difficult to penetrate. Pyatt and Wilcox on both ends were the only senior army stick-wielders who could not receive adequate assistance from the three inside men. Time and again they ran up as if against a solid wall in the United defenders.

Scoreless First Half

Indifferent playing marked the opening of the encounter; neither side was able to open up. Following about five minutes of exchanges the soldiers were first to give promise in that they succeeded to fire shots at their opposing goalie. Due to poor marksmanship, all attempts went astray.

These unsuccessful tries finally enabled the civilian team to get into stride and the fact was evidenced by the latters' territorial advantage. On several occasions J. Fonseca, Murray, and Veir were within scoring distance but the lack of well co-ordinated movements nullified all the chances. Towards the end of the first half the Loyals were seen having a few opportunities which also became fruitless owing to the stout playing of the opposing backs.

At the beginning of the second half the soldiers seemed to have wakened up and drove down the field as if they meant business. Wilcox came from the left and knocked the ball over the goal.

Murray Scores

During the middle of the period Murray tallied the lone goal for the United side. The scorer was given fine support from the halves and he dribbled the ball rapidly down the right side of the field, turned into the scoring area and slammed home a raking shot beyond McDonald's help. The success inspired the winners who showed the determination that the Loyals must be beaten by resuming the pressure. Veir on the right wing broke away one time after another and threatened to raise the score but the work of McDonald between the posts was too sound and steady.

First International Rugby Match

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 3.

England, the champions, and Wales, the holders of the wooden spoon, will clash in the first International Rugby match of the season at Cardiff on January 8.

England, who won last year's encounter at Twickenham by four points to three, will be represented by: Freakes, Unwin, Cranmer, Nicholson, Sever, Reynolds, A. N. Other, Longland, Toft, H. F. Wheatley, A. Wheatley, A. Huskisson, Weston, Milman and Bolton.—Reuter.

PETRA TAKES PARIS TENNIS TITLE

French Also Win Doubles From Invaders

Paris, Jan. 2.

The International Christmas covered courts tennis tournament which was held here during the past few days, was won by the French player Yvon Petra, who defeated his opponent H. Bolelli, also of France, by a score of 3-6, 12-10, 7-5, 6-4.

Petra and Bolelli won in the doubles final against the French-Swedish combination of Jacques Brugnon and Karl Schroeder. The score was 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.—Havas.

YOUNGSTERS OUTDO THEIR ELDERS

Shanghai Hockey Club Stage Fast Game

WARBURTON LEADS LAST SCORING SPREE

The intra-club match staged by the Shanghai Hockey Club at the Race Course yesterday afternoon resulted in a decisive victory for the younger members (under the age of 33) who outscored their older Club mates by a margin of six to four. It was a keenly fought match and the issue was only determined towards the last half of the second period when the winners suddenly netted three goals in quick order and ran away with the game.

Referee: G. D. Nicholl.

UNDER 33:—C. B. Broadbent, C. H. W. Robertson, J. G. Cotesworth, C. Woolhouse, W. G. Graham, G. Blatchford, A. Lyle, L. W. R. McLaren, F. C Warburton, J. R. Kale, and J. C. Lucas.

OVER 33:—H. G. Reed, C. A. Bowen, A. J. Evans, G. E. Barker, W. J. Silvey, J. H. Blakelock, C. F. D. Lowe, G. T. Gambling, J. C. Boldero, H. F. B. Gardener, and J. H. Ford.

Youngsters Score First

The match began in quite a balanced manner. Both teams attacked and within the first five minutes two excellent scoring opportunities went for nothing as Ford and Warburton each shot in the wrong direction when well placed. In the 7th minute, the ultimate victorious team drew first blood through their inside-left who received a pass from the right and lost no time to beat Captain Reed in goal for the opening telly. With the gain of this early goal, the younger team grew more energetic in their efforts but the opposite side played well up to form and held on creditably until about eight minutes from the interval when the same inside-left of the under thirty-threes' notched his second goal. Then the trailers awoke and countered hurriedly. Shortly afterwards, a melee took place in front of the leaders' goal mouth. The goalie, in an attempt to clear, mis-hit the ball and the margin was cut down to 2-1.

After the resumption the losers adopted offensive measures as Bowen was seen playing at centre-half and Silvey at centre. From the opening bully the ball was worked down into opposing territory and Silvey immediately tallied the equalizer. Then a much closer game was seen for both were eager to get into the lead. The younger team showed the more aggressive attack which frequently forced the play to enter within their opponents' "25" while on the other end the offensive came only in spasms.

Bowen Scores

Twelve minutes after the sixth goal, Lucas came across with a fine shot which Reed failed to handle and the leadership was regained by the under thirty-threes. A moment later Bowen was seen carrying the ball down the field on his own and, after having crossed the "25" line, he took a slamming shot which caught the opposing goalie unawares to tie the count for the second time at 3-3.

Rallying with great vigour, Warburton led his team on a spree with a powerful shot which beat Reed all the way, from an acute angle to the top of the goal net. The goal was followed by two more markers on the part of McLaren and Lyle who pushed the score to 6-3. These two goals eventually made each forward on the winning team have a share in the scoring. A few minutes before the end, Bowen garnered the tenth point for a final count of 6-4.

Out of £14 offered as a bonus by a Prague brewery to the Czechoslovakian team which met England, Planicka, the goalkeeper, has been awarded £2 16s., Daucik, the left back, £1 15s., and the others a guinea each.

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GRAM PILOTS WINNER PAYING $173.40

By The Squire

FAVOURITES ruled the roost at yesterday's races, well fancied ponies being to the fore in nearly all events, the two great exceptions being the sixth race, in which Morgan, after lying last nearly the whole way, came through with one long run to win on Duke of Cornwall, and the last, in which another novice rider, Gram, brought in the biggest winner of the day, Joint Account, to pay $173.40.

It was a very cold day, but the attendance was satisfactory, especially when the other sporting attractions are considered, and racing, after 'slumping' for so long, is definitely holding its own again, suggesting that the Sport of Kings is gradually coming back into the own.

Once again, favourites won the first four races, the first resulting in a dead heat between two of the most fancied ponies—Pageant Morn, ridden by Pote Hunt, and Runninglight, with Gram in the saddle. This was the first of three selling races during the afternoon and although there was no bid at auction for either of the deadheaters, it was a change later on in the afternoon, to see the other winners change stables.

It is not so many years since selling races attracted numerous would-be purchasers, and owners had often to dip very deep into their pockets if they wished to keep their winners.

Public's Judgment Accurate

The public gauged the chances of ponies very well indeed in the second race, only three ponies being well supported, and these finished one, two and three, and in the correct order, too!

The winner, Flying High, late Wild Goose, has been one of the popular 'tips' all autumn, and, being a very young pony and one that comes from a stable that knows how to look after them, should pay his way all through the Spring. Increasing weight has kept his stable jockey, Maitland, from riding recently in races, but the prospect of some steeplechasing in the not too distant future will do more than anything else to encourage him to still greater efforts to 'get down again' and one may predict with some certainty that it will not be long before Mr. Bubbling Well is leading him in a winner on Flying High.

The third race fell to Keep on Miss E. M. H's Going Wrong—formerly known as 'Necking Morn.' Was the curfew responsible for the change of name?

Sir Charles, who ran sluggishly for the greater part of the distance, was bought up after turning in the straight, and it was very pleasing to see Sparke back again and riding such a driving finish to finish second.

After the luncheon interval, another favourite in Frostylight (Moller) added to the delight of punters by beating High Power (Encarnacao) and The Frigate (Needa) and then came their first bit of misfortune in the defeat of the heavily backed Mou Tan Hua (Encarnacao) by The New China (Noodt)—who is running right into form and may shake the lot up to-day in the Champions—and Woodbridge.

Only two ponies were less fancied in the sixth race than the slightly weighted Duke of Cornwall on whom Morgan rode a clever race to win fairly easily and pay the satisfactory dividend (to his backers) of $139.60.

Roehampton Wins

Clark came to the rescue in the next race by bringing in Roehampton, but it was only by a short head and a neck that he got the better of Foggylight and Honeymoon Gift. All three will be seen out in the Champions this afternoon.

Pote Hunt and Gram had deadheated in the first race and rounded off the afternoon with a second winner apiece. Pote Hunt won the eighth race on the favourite, Huntley Watch. Entered to be sold for $200, the pony passed to Mr. W. T. Dougall for $500, greatly to the delight of Mr. Macley who had the pleasure of dividing the surplus—$300—with the Race Club, and to the dismay of the Bank stable, who, with Romford, missed an extra $150 by only half a length. There was consolation for them, however, in the last event, when Portmarnock, realizing that it was the last race, presumed it was the Mafoos' Race and ran the winner, Joint Account, to a head. The winner, ridden by Gram, paid the biggest dividend of the day—$173.40—and Mr. Eric Moller had to go to $675 to secure him at auction, hearing which Portmarnock laughed, and laughed and laughed, for his effort was not in vain, after all. Racing continues this afternoon and I am sure 'Ching' has some really good tips for you, with which to wind up a most enjoyable holiday's race meeting.

1.—11 Furlongs.
Pageant Morn (R. D. Parkin) 158 J. Pote-Hunt, D 1
Runninglight late Running Numbers (Cire) 149 G. P. Gram, DH 1
Enlargement (Spray) a141 V. L. Xavier 3

Also ran:—Record Mark (R. D. Parkin), Merry Ramos (E. J. Bell), Bengal Lancer (Gabor Renner), Duke of York (M. Perske).
Won by Dead Heat; A Neck.
Time, 3.07¾ sec.
Win, $7.20, $2.40. Places, $7.20, $6.80, $11.60.

2.—¾ Mile.
Flying High late Wild Goose (Bubbing Well) 152 V. V. Needa 1
The Swan (Messrs. Winsome & Hasty) 152 E. B. Cumine 2
Early School (Jack Liddell) a154 J. Pote-Hunt 3

Also ran:—Belvedere (Gabor Renner), Breezylight (R. B. Moller), Norfolk (E. J. Bell), Houdini (A. W. Raymond), Busted Flush (A. A. White), Zafiro (A. Noodt), Lodore (R. Morgan), Seaford (H. W. Keep), Mincing Lane (V. L. Xavier), Wavylight (G. P. Gram).
Won by 1 length, 3 lengths.
Time, 1.35⅘ sec.
Win, $8.20. Places, $5.40, $6.20, $6.00.

3.—1¼ Mile.
Going Wrong late Necking Morn (E. M. H.) 155 H. W. Keep 1
Sir Charles (Sir) 150 John Sparke 2
Charminglight late Charming Sparrow (Cire) a155 R. B. Moller 3

Also ran:—Lively Morn (A. A. White), Morningray (A. Noodt), Coronet (Gabor Renner), Don Agustin (C. G. Jack), Steve Brodie (A. W. Raymond), Mimulus (E. B. Cumine), Friesenfels (A. C. Kew).
Won by 1½ length, ½ length.
Time, 2.48⅘ sec.
Win, $16.60. Places, $7.60, $11.20, $10.40.

4.—¾ Mile.
Frostylight (Cire) 163 R. B. Moller 1
High Power (Manx) 155 C. Encarnacao 2
The Frigate (Messrs. Winsome & Hasty) 158 V. V. Needa 3

Also ran:—Dolce Farniente (A. W. Raymond), Beautylight (G. P. Gram), Toodle-do late Joint Venture (W. G. Turbyfill), Red Devil late Sandy Morn (E. B. Cumine), Cumberley Heath late Clipping Morn (Gabor Renner), Bombay (R. Morgan), Don Patricio (C. G. Jack).
Won by 1 length; 3 lengths.
Time, 1.35⅘ sec.
Win, $8.80. Places, $5.40, $5.60, $6.20.

5.—9 Furlongs.
The New China (Durgor) 152 A. Noodt 1
Woodbridge late Vivid Morn (A. S. Henchman) a144 Gabor Renner 2
Mou Tan Hua (Manx) 155 C. Encarnacao 3

Also ran:—Cumshawlight late Cumshaw Morn (R. B. Moller), Sootylight (G. P. Gram), Windsor (V. V. Needa), Evesham (A. C. Kew), Sky Raider late Stunt Plane (E. J. Bell), Black Michael (Non-Starter), Don Pedro (R. D. Parkin), Nacrenzie (E. B. Cumine), Swiftshot late Newfoundland (V. L. Xavier), Tango (A. A. White), Wet Morn (C. G. Jack).
Won by 1 length; A Neck.
Time, 2.27⅘ sec.
Win, $42.40. Places, $11.60, $12.40, $7.20.

6.—1½ Mile.
Duke of Cornwall (Hans Luft) 137 R. Morgan 1
Magic Eve (Vereve) b154 J. Pote-Hunt 2
Cottonlight late Housten King Cotton (Cire) a147 G. P. Gram 3

Also ran:—White Parade (A. A. White), Autumnlight (R. B. Moller), Corps Cavalry (E. Encarnacao), Night Express (A. W. Raymond), Merry Force (A. C. Kew), Stolzeneck (E. B. Cumine), White Emperor (L. H. Wade), Equity (V. V. Needa).
Won by 1½ length; 1 length.
Time, 2.19¼ sec.
Win, $139.60. Places, $27.40, $10.40, $17.40.

7.—1¼ Mile.
Roehampton (A. S. Henchman) 155 A. F. Clark 1
Foggylight (Cire) a157 R. B. Moller 2
Honeymoon Gift (Lok) a150 J. B. Lok 3

Also ran:—Mightylight (G. P. Gram), Merry Hero (C. Encarnacao) Grayling (E. B. Cumine).
Won by A Head; A Neck.
Time, 2.51⅘ sec.
Win, $11.40. Places, $5.40, $6.20, $5.80.

8.—7 Furlongs.
Huntley Watch late Opal Morn (T. Y. Tsoung) 156 J. Pote-Hunt 1
Blenheim (Macley) 152 A. W. Raymond 2
Remford late Reno Morn (A. S. Henchman) 150 Gabor Renner 3

Also ran:—Invicta (C. Encarnacao), Sparrow Hawk (V. V. Needa), Paoshan Towels late Prince of Jesters (V. G. Sung), Legal Tender (E. J. Bell), So What (R. Morgan), Port Erin late G. E. (V. L. Xavier, Mischief (C. G. Jack), The Dunlin (A. C. Kew), Royal Bee II (A. Noodt), Bright Eyes (E. B. Cumine), Saucylight (R. B. Moller), Scarlet Morn (G. P. Gran).
Won by 1 length, ½ length.
Time, 1.53⅘ sec.
Win, $16.40. Places, $9.20, $13.40, $19.40.

9.—9 Furlongs.
Joint Account (C. M. S.) 152 G. P. Gram 1
Portmarnock (A. S. Henchman) 145 Gabor Renner 2
Tungstenlight late Tungsten (Cire) 161 R. B. Moller 3

Also ran:—Joli Ami (J. B. Lok), Gay Courtier (V. G. Sung), Morning Spin (A. W. Raymond), Sheng Hu (H. P. Chansen), Artimid (V. V. Needa), Enlargement (V. L. Xavier), Gold Bloc (A. Noodt), Ideal King (C. Encarnacao), White Jubilee (E. B. Cumine), Cinema Worn (C. G. Jack), White Patches (A. A. White), The Cosmopolitan (H. W. Keep).
Won by A Head, A Head.
Time, 2.28⅘ sec.
Win, $173.40. Places, $26.80, $15.80, $11.60.

NEW YEAR CHAMPION HANDICAP TO-DAY

Merry Jester Favoured in Big Race at S.R.C.

By "Ching"

The Shanghai Race Club are to-day holding the 4th and last day of their holiday race meeting, and the first saddling bell be rung at 11 a.m. with about one hour's interval between the third and fourth races. The saddling bell will again ring at 1.15 p.m. to commence the afternoon's session.

The programme consists of nine races including the most important one of the meeting at 1¼ mile, this being The New Year Champion Handicap for which twelve ponies have entered. A really interesting race may result for on looking over the weights the handicapper has allotted the different ponies, quite a few of them would seem to have a very good prospect of coming out of the race in one of the first three places.

The field that is expected to be seen out includes Cumshawlight 148 lb., Duke of Cornwall 141 lb., Foggylight 150 lb., Honeymoon Gift 153 lb., Magic Eve 149 lb., Merry Jester 160 lb., Mou Tan Hua 150 lb., Night Express 152 lb., Rochampton 154 lb., The Frigate 150 lb., The New China 150 lb., White Parade 146 lb.,—a really nice lot of ponies. Merry Jester is top weight but can be relied on to run well and the one that beats him will be the winner.

Another pony that may show up better than he did yesterday is Honeymoon Gift. The New China must be close up. My placing is Merry Jester, The New China, and Honeymoon Gift.

Other ponies that may run successfully during the day are Pharos, Grey Snake, Blenheim, Snapshot, Sir Charles, The Swan Busted Straight, and Portmarnock.

Merry Jester will probably be ridden by C. Encarnacao while A. Noodt is to pilot The New China. J. B. Lok will mount Honeymoon Gift while J. Pote-Hunt will ride Magic Eve. V. V. Needa is likely to ride The Frigate.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

THE SERVICES ATTEMPT DRIBBLING

Pte. Goulding is seen dribbling the ball at his feet and over-balancing while Surg. Lt. Drysdale and another team-mate back him up. J. A. McGregor, the Club scrum half attempts to stop Goulding and S. A. Wallace is seen coming up from the right.

THREE MATCHES IN RESERVE SOCCER DIVISION

Football Club Down Saints by 6-3: A.S.F. Defeat Clube by 12-2: Fusiliers Beat Durhams

THE soccer schedule arranged for yesterday rather fell flat as both the senior games were cancelled, and with only minor football on tap, only a few considered it worth their while to visit the Race Course, where three minor games were played. Some interesting play rewarded these few.

There was little to choose between the S.F.C. Reserves and the S.F.X. Reserves in the opening stages, play being mostly in midfield. A nicely placed pass was fastened on by McKellar, but the centre's shot lacked directness and the chance was lost.

A rapid raid by the Club saw the ball sent out to Passikides, who crossed, the ball swerving away from the goal and Allison, running in, netted.

Following this, Godkin was left in possession with only Wong to beat, but he hesitated and Oliveria, running back, cleared. The Club increased their lead when Solovieff netted from close in from a pass from Godkin.

The Saints who were having just as much of the play as their opponents reduced the score when Kapustin, meeting a cross from the opposite wing, netted. Half-time arrived with the Club leading by two goals to one.

Simmons Scores

The Saints pressed and Eardley failed to clear and Simmons, running in, equalized the score. The Club front line for a time found the Saints' defence difficult to negotiate and their midfield work went for nought. The Saints adopted more open methods, to keep Franklin busy. A spell of sustained pressure, however, led to a goal; Greenberg placed to Passikidies who lost control of the ball when tackled by Bos who did not clear promptly and the winger regained possession to take the ball forward and shoot. Wong advanced to meet the shot and only managed to deflect it, as Allison and Solovieff rushed in, and the former, kicking the ball against the foot of the latter, scored.

This set-back spurred the Saints and McKellar, who was well-placed, weakly shot for Franklin to save. The clearance saw the Club attack, a long upfield clearance being gathered by Solovieff who, running between the backs, netted.

George Greenberg, who was playing at inside left, dazzled with a fine run to put weakly past. However, the galloping back made amends later, when he gathered an upfield clearance to beat Bos who miskicked; George dribbled forward to go through and score.

He again beat a couple of opponents to shoot well over the bar. Then Solovieff followed suit. The Saints raided and again McKellar put past when well placed.

The Club front line attacked, and although Soloviff should have been penalized for off-side, the inside man was allowed to continue and cross to Passikides who placed to George Greenberg, who dribbled forward to net. The game ended with the Club pressing. Results: S.F.C. Res. 6, SFX Res 3

S.F.C.:—Franklin, Eardley, Kane, Laird, Dodd, Muir, Passikides, G. Greenberg, S. Godkin, Solovieff, Allison.
S.F.X.:—Wong, Oliveria, Bos, Carion, Reval, Chang, Simmons, J. Remedios, McKellar, B. Remedios, Kapustin.

A.S.F. 12, Lusitano 2

The meeting of the Reserve teams of the A.S.F. and the Clube Lusitano ended in an easy victory for the former by twelve goals to two.

The A.S.F. were doing most of the attacking in the first half, having Lulu Marcal at outside left, and Segalin and K. Neuborg of the first eleven in the line-up, although the younger Lusitano players never gave up trying to score.

L. Borgeest scored the first goal and then the second, for Nicolief to net the third, and fourth. D. Neuborg netted the fifth, and Borgeest the sixth and seventh with Nicolieff making number eight. The score at half time was eight to nil in favour of the A.S.F. In the second half they changed their line-up and were only able to score four goals in this half, when Karl Neuborg netted twice, and Aidel and Dennis Neuborg one each. The Lusitano were able to score twice, Canavarro being the scorer.

R.W.F. 2, D.L.I. 1

The R. W. Fusiliers, who have been piling up big scores in the Reserve Division, found the D.L.I. a much more difficult proposition. The play was keen, and in spite of the ground conditions, both sides displayed fine tactics to keep their respective supporters interested in the play. The Fusiliers scored through Lurton in the first half, although playing against the wind. Lough in the D.L.I. goal, effectively put up a barrier which the Fusilier sharpshooters were not able to beat down successfully. Lurton scored the second for his side in the second half when he worked over to the right to send in a high dropping shot which Lough was unable to punch clear. Lough was more often in action than his opposite number in the Fusiliers' goal. The Durhams were awarded a penalty and Clarke netted to reduce the leeway. Although making strenuous efforts to draw level, the Infantry were unable to do so, and the Fusiliers continued undefeated in the Reserve Division.

MAPLE LEAFS PUSH FARTHER AHEAD

Ice Hockey Leaders Out-Skate Canadiens

New York, Jan. 2.

The fast-skating Toronto Maple Leafs ran their lead in the International Division of the National Hockey League to five points over the New Year's week-end by virture of a 6-4 victory over the second-place Canadiens, of Montreal.

The Canadiens, ordinarily a low-scoring aggregation, put on enough spurt to have won nine out of ten games, but could not match the lightning combination play of the Leafs, who filtered two and three men through the Canadiens' defence time and again, and were kept from an even higher score only by brilliant work in the goal mouth by the Frenchmen's goalie.

The New York Americans continued their new-found drive with a 3-1 victory over the Montreal Maroons in Montreal, rising two points in the standings to bring them into a tie with the Canadiens for second place in the league.—United Press.

ESKIMOS' FOOTBALL IN BLIZZARD

Oogruits Beat Aivrits as Population Cheers

King Island, Jan. 1.

Eskimos who had never seen a U.S. football game, clashed here today in the first "Ice Bowl" classic with the Oogruits, coached by Ed Levin, one-time member of the Stanford eleven, taking a close 7-6 decision over the Aivrits, coached by Ken Chisholm, former Santa Clara gridiron star.

Charley Figmiak scored the winning point for the Oogruits by plunging over the goal line instead of attempting to kick in converting the point after touchdown on a blizzard and wind swept field. He carried most of the Aivrits on his back as he crashed over the end marker. The temperature was near zero as the two teams battled in the snow.

"Ice Bowl" Game

Father Bernard Hubbard, the famous "Glacier Priest" of Santa Clara, was responsible for the game. Levin and Chisholm are members of his expedition.

The population of this town, which is under 100, lined the icey field and cheered wildly, as the two teams went into their touchdown drives. The game began at 11 a.m. to assure sunlight for the major portion of the game.—United Press

WASPS SHOVED INTO THE CELLAR

All Blacks Win Basketball Game at Y.M.C.A.

Losing to the All Blacks by a score of 42-36 last night in the Invitation Basketball League at the Foreign Y.M.C.A., the Wasps cagers were relegated to the cellar position where they are generally expected to remain throughout the rest of the series. The game was hard-fought with the losers leading almost continually until the last eight minutes when the Blacks suddenly began to shoot out with a spurt.

Y. L. Chia went well last night in tallying seven field goals and one foul shot for the winners. He netted three times towards the close to help his team fight an uphill battle. Z. S. Tung was also in good form with six field baskets and one free toss.

The game started with the Blacks first to locate the basket but the Wasps immediately followed with two successive goals. These points gave the latter team a lead which, although lost on a few occasions by the ultimate winners, the Wasps managed to hold at half-time by a count of 19-18.

Upon resumption the All Blacks again drew first blood but as in the previous session, the Wasps successfully retained the leadership. However, after the count of 29-28, the Blacks gave their opponents a surprise when Kia countered two shots in quick succession. Then through a series of well directed offensives, the Wasps were left behind almost at a standstill. When the match reached its end, the Blacks were seen leading by six points to spare at 42-36.

All Black	fg.	ft.	f.	pts
Kia	7	1	1	15
Zee	0	1	1	1
Woo	0	0	1	0
Chang	1	0	4	2
Tung	6	1	1	13
Tui	2	1	3	5
Hwa	1	0	1	2
	19	4	12	42

Wasps				
Woo	1	0	0	2
Tu	4	2	2	10
Poong	3	1	1	7
Dau	4	1	1	9
Chen	2	0	2	4
Zao	1	2	3	4
	15	6	9	36

Leeds Rugby League club signed Califford Carter, the Wakefield Trinity hooker, who had been on the transfer list at £175.

The F.A. have declined an invitation to play a match with Latvia at Riga this season, but state that they hope to do so at the first convenient opportunity.

When the British Empire Games team arrived at Gibraltar they disembarked in their gym kit and had a spell of training on the Garrison's football ground. All are fit and happy.

Eddie Maguire, the South African middle-weight, was beaten by Herble Katz, in New York, the referee stopping the bout in the seventh round as the South African was suffering from cuts under both eyes.

Izzy Gastanaga, who beat John Henry Lewis on points at Detroit in September, retired in the ninth round of a 15 round contest against the negro in St. Louis. Lewis was conceding two and a half stone.

FOURTEEN WICKETS TUMBLE

English Tourists Need 286 for Cricket Victory

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Calcutta, Jan. 2.

On a wicket that was particularly responsive to spin bowling, no less than fourteen wickets fell to-day in the third unofficial Test match between All-India and Lord Tennyson's XI.

The tourists, whose overnight score was 219 for eight, completed their innings in the morning for 257, or 93 runs behind their opponents' total.

With James Langridge and Wellard revealing splendid form, the Indians were dismissed in their second innings for 192. The two bowlers captured all the wickets between them, Langridge claiming six for 41 and his colleague four for 67.

Requiring 286 runs for victory, Lord Tennyson's XI had made 42 for two at the close.—Reuter.

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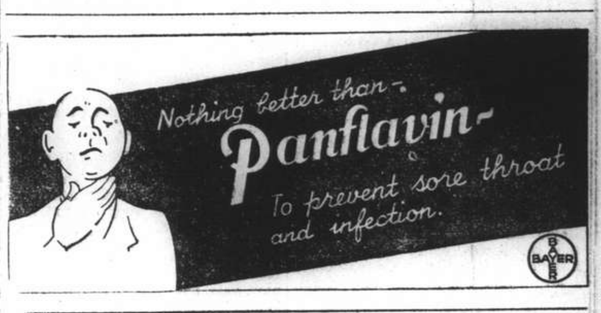

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MANNEQUIN CRIES "I WILL KILL YOU"

Threats to Viscount When Sued for Furniture

DENIALS BY LORD KINGSBOROUGH

Miss Adele Royle, actress and mannequin, burst into tears while giving evidence at Westminster County Court and shouted to Viscount Kingsborough: "You are a scoundrel. You know you are. I will kill you," states the "Daily Express."

Messrs. Maple and Co., furnishers, of Tottenham Court-road, sued Miss Royle for £29 12s. 8d. for furniture supplied and repairs to carpets.

Viscount Kingsborough, son and heir of the Earl of Kingston, was joined as third party by Miss Royle, who claimed to be "indemnified against the whole of plaintiff's claim and costs."

Judgment was given for Maples with costs against Miss Royle, and judgment for Lord Kingsborough with costs against Miss Royle.

Judge Sir Mordaunt Snagge said that he had decided to accept the evidence on behalf of Maples that at no time was the name of Lord Kingsborough mentioned, and that, in the circumstances, the evidence of Lord Kingsborough must be accepted as the more reliable account of what had happened.

On His Behalf

When the case opened Mr. G. G. Baker, for Messrs. Maples, read from a document in which Miss Royle said that he gave orders to a representative of Maples on behalf of Viscount Kingsborough, and told him that the account was to be sent to Messrs. Chesterton and Co., solicitors.

Mr. Baker said that the representative would say that the only instruction was that the address for communications was Messrs. Chesterton's.

It was in September, when she was being pressed for payment, that Miss Royle informed Messrs. Maple that the work was being done on the instruction of Viscount Kingsborough.

Mr. Tudor Jones, for Miss Royle, said his case was that Lord Kingsborough was responsible for the whole of the claim.

Miss Royle, giving evidence, said that in 1930 Lord Kingsborough took a flat and she lived with him. She gave up her living at which she earned £10 a week as an actress and mannequin.

After a quarrel and break Lord Kingsborough later informed her that he could arrange for her to continue living as she was before in another flat. He also said that he would pay for the expenses of removal, storing and so on.

Viscount' Denials

Miss Royle said that Lord Kingsborough not only promised to pay for the furniture in store, but for her new flat.

Mr. Quintin Hogg (for Lord Kingsborough): Surely that came as a surprise to you? You had ceased to be his mistress.

Miss Royle burst into tears and cried in a loud voice: "I was not his mistress. Lord Kingsborough promised to marry me and stole my letters."

Lord Kingsborough, in evidence, denied that he had ever had a telephone conversation with Miss Royle on June 20.

Cross-examined by Mr. Tudor Jones, he agreed that he lived with Miss Royle for seven years. He denied that he had ever authorised Miss Royle to give the order to Maples.

SPANISH PRISONER TRICK

New Style That Dupes Even The Experts

Even frauds have to be brought up to date, and one of the latest to be modernized is the Hoary old "Spanish Prisoner" trick which, in its new form, is finding a number of dupes in Britain, France and America, states "The People."

No longer does the pathetic letter from the captive of a tyrannical Government seek to enlist the sympathy of the recipient for himself and a beautiful unprotected daughter.

Nowadays the letters, written in quaint English or French, state that, after languishing in prison for years, the writer has made his escape, and is now in France.

He is unfortunately, penniless, but has with him a rare collection of "Old Masters" that have been in his family for generations, and that he is forced to sell for next to nothing.

The victim is invited to go to Paris to see the art treasures for himself, and to arouse his interest, prints of the pictures are enclosed.

The ruse has succeeded oftener than one would have imagined, even in quarters considered least likely to "fall" for a trick of the kind.

People from Great Britain and different parts of France and America have gone to Paris, gazed on the grime-encrusted canvases and allowed themselves to be bluffed into buying them.

Even dealers have been "caught" by supposed masterpieces that are not worth much more than the canvas on which they are painted.

What the dupes do not know is that the "Spanish Prisoner" (new style) is really the agent of French fakers of Old Masters. They are now so well organized for mass production that hundreds can be turned out weekly.

"Masterpieces"

One branch of the factory specializes in imparting to the "masterpieces" the necessary grime to suggest age, and another is devoted to forging the well-known signatures of great painters.

The first hint of this new activity of the notorious "prisoner" reached the French "Scotland Yard" through and Australian visitor to Europe who had been induced to acquire six "master-pieces."

Mentioning his "bargain" to another Australian in London, he was astonished to find that this man was the proud possessor of eight of the "prisoner's" works, including three duplicates of his own.

A man and a woman, believed to be implicated in the fraud, have been arrested, and the police hope soon to locate the "prisoner" himself.

BRITISH AVIATION PROGRESS

Long Range Aircraft Added to R.A.F.: Exports Continue to Increase: Belgium Purchases Faireys

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

It is just over ten years since four Southampton flying-boats set off from Plymouth to cruise in formation to Australia. It was an entirely new venture, nothing like it had been tried before; but everything went "according to plan" and the five travellers arrived in perfect formation at Sydney on the dot.

The five Londons are better craft in every way than the Southamptons, with much more comfort in them for the crew. Unlike the Southamptons, which flew all round India, the Londons will go overland from Karachi to Calcutta, descending once on the river Jumnar at Allahabad. If they should have the misfortune to make a forced landing on ground, the boat-like hull should slide along with much less danger to the men inside than a landplane with wheels, and without the same danger of standing on its nose and pitching over.

The departure from Plymouth was made in somewhat stormy weather, but this was a help rather than otherwise, the wind giving extra lift to the wings, while the broken water helped the hulls to "unstick." They rose in 30 secs, but went off in a string instead of in formation on account of the wind.

Compared with the Imperial Airways flying-boat Centaurus which also went off to Australia, the Londons appear somewhat old-fashioned. They have only two engines each and a speed of 115 m.p.h., compared with the four engines and 170 miles of the Centaurus. But no doubt the Air Ministry will be providing flying-boats for the R.A.F. the equal of the civilians before long.

Long Range The Policy

The importance of long range aircraft is shown by the addition to the R.A.F. of a "long range" Flight of Vickers Wellesley single engined monoplanes. Three of them are to be specially equipped to develop the technique of long range flying. Early next year trial flights are to be made along the England-Australia route, and it is rumoured that there will be an attempt to cover the whole distance to Sydney with only one stop, probably at Singapore.

The Wellesley is notable for low structural weight and big capacity for load. The Russian aeroplane which flew the 6,306 miles, the present record, from Moscow to California, was undoubtedly seriously overloaded. The Wellesley should be capable of a good bit longer flight under more nearly normal loading conditions.

The special feature of the Wellesley is its geodetic construction, in which an outer shell or network of interlacing members carries all main loads and stresses. These members follow "geodetic" lines in their windings along wings and fuselage, a geodetic line representing the shortest distance between any two points in a curved surface when the path followed by the line lies wholly in that surface.

In other words, it is the line taken up by a flexible string when it is tightly stretched over a curved surface.

In this way the forces imposed on the structure, instead of being shunted to internal spars and struts, are made to "crawl" around the surface where all of the material is concentrated in the form of bars or tubes. The effect is increased strength with no loss in stiffness.

The speed, range and permissible load of the Wellesley bear out the inventor's hopes. Elaborate test flights done by the Vickers pilots indicate that with the Pegasus XVIII two-speed supercharger engine—giving up to 940 h.p. at 6,500 feet and 900 h.p. at 17,750 ft.—the Wellesley, loaded to 12,500 lb., may fly 2,270 miles non-stop at an average operational speed of 186 m.p.h. and with a big load of bombs on board. Its maximum level speed, at a height of 17,000 ft. is 228 m.p.h. and its attainable "ceiling", loaded to 10,900 lb., is 32,500 ft.

Fog and Croydon

Residents of the Croydon area surrounding the airport took advantage of the inquest on the three German aviators who were unhappily killed when their aeroplane hit a hangar in a fog, to send in a memorandum to the coroner on the dangers flying in a fog. There are two districts. Beddington and Wallington, which are particularly in line for accidents. Last year they sent a deputation to the Air Minister, Sir Philip Sassoon, but according to their account nothing has been done. They say they mean to send another after the inquest. To a large extent they look at the matter, as not unnaturally from a personal viewpoint, fearing that in a fog an aeroplane may not rise quickly enough to clear their houses.

The fact is that the progress of aviation has really outstripped the ground preparations made for it, and London in particular is poorly provided with suitable airports. Sites equally good for aerodromes, free from surrounding buildings and easily accessible are difficult to find. There is a lot of dissatisfaction in many ways with Croydon, but no adequate substitute has yet been found.

The Official Mind

In this connection the Air Ministry really does seem to "move in a mysterious way its wonders to perform." Readers may recall the row that was kicked up in Parliament some months ago over the Ministry's decision to build a factory on some of the best agricultural land near Maidenhead, where there was no unemployment to be satisfied, no houses drainage or lighting for the factory workers, and to which the Thames would have provided the easiest guide for hostile aircraft in the event of war. The Ministry gave in eventually, and got a site in Lancashire, where there were all the necessaries in houses, and numbers of unemployed needing work.

Recently the Ministry announced that an air depot was to be established at Bishop's Cleeve, in Gloucestershire, again absorbing 300 or 400 acres of excellent agricultural land. This also was furiously fought in Parliament. At first the Ministry was adamant: the matter had been carefully considered; nothing else so suitable could be found. Then suddenly it gave in, and announced that the depot would be placed on the very ground which the opponents of the Bishops' Cleeve site had suggested as being actually better equipped for a depot than the Ministry's choice.

The official mind is a curious thing. We make fun of Parliament sometimes, but there are still occasions when it does defend our liberties.

Flying-boats for Australia

An interesting change has been made in the running of the service to Australia by which six of the 29 Short flying-boats built for the service are to be transferred to Quantas, the associated company which is responsible for the section between Singapore and Sydney. The other 23 will remain in the charge of Imperial Airways.

In other words flying-boats will perform the whole journey to Sydney instead of landplanes for the journey over Australia. The latter is now busily preparing the necessary seaplane stations. The points of call will be Batavia Sourabaya, Bima, Kupang, Darwin, Princess Elizabeth Bay (Groote Island) Karumba, Townsville, Gladstone, and Brisbane.

One bad anomaly remains to be removed. When the flying-boats are going regularly to Sydney, as they should be by April next, letters from England to Sydney will only cost 1½ the half-ounce; but in the reverse direction, owing to the Australian charges, they will still be costing 5d.

At the beginning the seaplane service London-Sydney will run to a 10 days' schedule. But as the equipment for night-flying is developed, this will be reduced to slightly under seven. What was it we said above about Australians running over to England for Christmas?

British Exports Still Rising

Great Britain's exports of aeronautical material continue to soar. For the first ten months of 1937 they amounted in value to £3,026,739, as compared with £2,923,138 in the whole of the record year 1936. October exports were worth £531,726.

Evidently, there is still capacity in the British aircraft industry to meet the demands of overseas buyers, in spite of requirements of the Royal Air Force expansion programme.

A leading American aviation magazine has declared recently that the British aeronautical export figures "are astounding for a nation supposedly straining every production resource in a rearmament programme."

Belgium's Air Defence

Apropos, the first of the sixteen Fairey Battle monoplane bombers ordered for the re-equipment of Belgian air squadrons has just been delivered. For many years the Fairey company has supplied most of Belgium's needs.

I saw the Battle fly at Hatfield last summer and its performance is most impressive its Rolls-Royce Merlin 990/1,050 h.p. engine making it one of the world's fastest, most formidable single-engined bombers.

It is a low-wing all-metal monoplane built to "stressed skin" design in which the outer coverings of wings and fuselage carry much of the loads and stresses imposed on the structure. Retractile undercarriage, wing flaps to steepen landing glide and to reduce landing speed, and controllable-pitch airscrew are installed. Its streamline form, helped by the compact and shapely nacelle that is sufficient to house the engine, is excellent and no unessential excrescences break it. It has a proved level speed, with full military load, of 257 m.p.h. at 15,000 ft.

Carrying full bomb and fuel load the Battle climbs from sea-level to 10,000 ft. in 8 min. 24 sec. and to 20,000 ft. in 21 min. 24 sec. Its maximum level speed at 20,000 ft. is 250 m.p.h. Landing speed, with the wing-flaps in operation, is 60 m.p.h. and the ratio between maximum and minimum flying speed is, therefore, more than 4 to 1—an excellent achievement. The Battle's range at normal cruising speed with full normal load is 1,000 miles, and at the maximum speed of 257 m.p.h. is 640 miles, but for extra long journeys, additional fuel can be carried.

High Speed or Low Speed

The "Evening Standard" has published, from Montreal, a curious interview with the aviator, Bert Acosta, who has lately returned from Spain where he fought on the Government side.

"I shot down five aeroplanes, all piloted by Italians, just like ducks," he is reported to have said. "And I got them because their aeroplanes were fast and mine was slow," said Bert.

"You see, they came at me so fast that they didn't have a real chance to aim at me. All I had to do was to stay in one spot and let them pass my gun sights."

"A slow aeroplane," he went on, "certainly can have an advantage when dealing with the super-fast type of fighter. They're too fast for air fighting."

On less controversial topics, he said that "anti-aircraft guns are certainly good now; the old bogy that a city can be wiped out by aircraft is just a bogy; if there is intelligent defence the invading fleet will never get near the city."

Let us hope he is right about the defence, whatever he may be about the duels.

ENGINEER AND WAR GOODS FOR CHINA

Alleged Recipient of Large Sum Sent to Prison

After James Cator Scott Macallan, 69, a civil engineer, had been found guilty at the Old Bailey on Nov. 23 of defrauding a nurse, a detective said that among complaints made about him was one that he had received a considerable sum of money for the purpose of taking war material to China and Spain, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

Macallan was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for having obtained £125 by false pretences from Miss Elsie May Andrewartha, a nurse, who visited him professionally.

Mr. Christmas Humphreys, prosecuting, said that Macallan told Miss Andrewartha that he was about to undertake a big improvement scheme at Brighton, involving about £3,000,000.

He was forming a syndicate to undertake the scheme, and he wanted to offer his friends the opportunity of making a lot of money.

Last November Miss Andrewartha handed Macallan a cheque for £75, and in December a further cheque for £50, for the purchase of a quarter unit share in the syndicate.

Macallan, giving evidence, said that he had spent months trying to obtain the Brighton contract. Miss Andrewartha had misunderstood part of what he had told her. The money would be repaid.

Det.-Sergt. Hagen said that Macallan had three previous convictions, the last being in 1934.

WHERE THE CAVIAR COMES FROM

Experience of the Fishing on the Danube Delta

Of all the rare things which adorn the table of the gourmet, none has a stranger background than caviar, the roe of the sturgeon, states John Hall in the "Evening Standard."

The best known caviar centres in the world are those of the Volga and Danube Deltas. There great fish are caught weighing as much as 1,000lb. with sometimes 2,000lb. of caviar in them.

My experience of the fishing was on the Danube Delta in Rumania, at the strange canal town in the middle of the delta swamps, Valcov.

The town was founded over 100 years ago by Russian refugees from religious persecution, the Lipovanes. The inhabitants are still pure Russian peasants in language and spirit; wild drinkers, with beards and long smock blouses. Their fishing methods are primitive, sure and cruel.

The men journey down to the Black Sea, down five miles of canals, in clumsy canoes, four men to a boat.

Once in the sea, some thousands of yards from the shore or swamp fringe, a leaded line is let down between two boats. The line is covered with thousands of sharply-pointed iron hooks, S-shaped, and about 2½ inches long one end of the S to the other. These hooks are tied to the line by the middle.

Sometimes two or three lines are placed at different depths, all between the same two boats. The hooks are not baited.

Men are left to watch the lines and the rest of the party go inshore, where the water is waist deep, and jump into the sea to set nets for Danube herrings and lesser fish while they await the coming of the sturgeon.

How Sturgeon are Caught

What dooms the sturgeon is that he cannot resist scratching his back.

He finds the line with the hooks and scratches away happily, until a hook chances to run under a scale into his skin and prick his flesh. He gives a wild, angry wriggle and a few more hooks stick in, and with every movement his struggles become wilder with the pain.

As he moves, the two boats slacken the line, and he becomes tangled as well as hooked.

Then the rest of the party are called. A big fish is difficult to handle, as the value of the caviar goes down by nearly fifty per cent. if it is removed from a dead fish.

They come up in their boat and, swaying and sagging in the waves, they fight the fish, pulling and loosening the line until it is weakened by loss of blood and can safely be dragged into the canals and taken back to Valcov, either in a larger boat, or towed home behind the fisher's canoes.

A big fish gives a hard enough fight even in a calm sea. When it is rough, men are often drowned in the battle.

The live sturgeon are brought to the wharves on Valcov's Grand Canal.

The fish itself is like a huge silver and green mackerel, with a shark's head, but without the shark's wicked row of teeth.

When it is landed the fish is immediately weighed twice—once for the fishermen and once for the State. The State's representative buys the fish for cash, and deducts the money due for taxes, the only ones which the fisherfolk pay.

The fishermen then lift it living, and sometimes kicking, on to a wooden slab.

One of them draws a sharp stabbing knife and makes a quick incision in the belly from chin to tail.

Before cutting, many of the men, when they bring in a big fish, cross themselves, knife in hand, asking God to send them another such during the season. Some of them even make a little cut in their forehead with the point of the knife. They are very superstitious.

The fish once slit, the caviar is laid bare inside it, covered only by a thin membrane. It looks exactly as it does when served; little round eggs, grey and oily.

Roe Weighted by State

The whole roe is then lifted out into thin-meshed sieves and weighed by the State and by the men before processing.

This is to prevent the circulation of "bootleg" caviar. Most of the sturgeon landed pass through the hands of the State and the men's co-operatives.

In the processing shed an expert worker sieves the roe to remove the membrance, which is given back to the fishermen. It is their favourite food, and its high oil and iodine content, when eaten raw, perhaps explains the immunity of this community to tuberculosis.

The caviar is then put straight into tins after check-weighing.

Uncooked, it goes direct on to ice, which is not made by machinery but hacked from the Danube during the winter, when there are forty degrees of frost and no work, and stored under-ground in great cellars.

When the last weighing is finished, the State deducts its percentage for taxes, the fishermen's co-operative deducts its agreed percentage for expenses, and the owners of the sturgeon receive the balance in cash.

A group of men may earn as much as 60,000 or 70,000 lei (£80) on a single fish. In nine cases out of ten they leave active fishing at once until it is all spent. They and their families—men, women, and even children—drink vodka solidly and cheerfully for weeks, until they have no money left.

Then they go out after another fish.

They are either very religious or believe in neither God nor man. But all are superstitious, shifty inscrutable, simple; great believers in witchcraft and omens. A man's only calculable wealth is the number of his iron double sturgeon hooks, hanging along stick in his backyard new pointed, creosoted and drying in the sun.

German technicians have made a new discovery. "Leather" made from fish skins, and which is claimed to be tougher than the hides of sheep and goats, is now being manufactured in commercial quantities from cod, ling, and other fish. The skin of the sea fish is said to be untearable, and at the same time extremely soft after it has been treated.

SWISS ECONOMIC SITUATION

Trade Recovery Shows Steady Improvement

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BOTH INCREASED

The slowing down of the economic recovery which has occurred in many countries since the Spring, has hardly been felt in Switzerland up to the present. On the contrary, the figures for the third quarter of 1937 show that the improvement continues.

Above all, external trade has developed to a gratifying degree during the past quarter. Imports show an increase of 50 % and exports of 61 % compared with the third quarter of 1936. During the first nine months of the year imports amounted to 1,349 million francs, against 822 million francs for the corresponding period of 1936; exports 917 million francs, as against 606 million.

Chiefly on account of a certain deflection in the textile and clothing industry, the degree of employment in that industry was slightly less during the third quarter than during the preceding quarter. In most other industries, however, the level of employment was higher, and this state of affairs may be expected to continue, especially in the watch and clock, paper, leather, metal and machine industries. The situation also improved in the building industry. In the 28 largest towns, apartment buildings constructed during the first 9 months of the year showed a rise of 23 % over those constructed during the corresponding period of 1936. This improvement is expected t continue, the apartments already planned being more numerous than last year. In the transport industry the recovery continues, although at a slower rate. For the first three quarters of the year the Federal railways show a rise of revenue of 28.2 % in the transport of goods, and of 9 % in passenger traffic, as compared with the corresponding period of 1936.

Agriculture has benefited by favourable harvests. As a result of firm prices, the income of this branch of economy is higher than last year.

Wholesale prices were slightly depressed during the third quarter, though the cost of living index showed no important change; it was 137 (1914=100), as against 137.2 at the end of June.

The labour market, as a result of the activity in industry and commerce, shows a much more favourable aspect than a year ago. At the end of September there were 52,000 unemployed, being 37% less than at the end of September 1936. It must, however, be expected that there will be a seasonal rise in the unemployment figures during the winter.

The figures so far published on the state of the public finances, show that there has been a definite improvement, although a balance between income and expenditure has not yet been completely realized. Customs receipts during the first 9 months of 1937 amounted to 130.3 million francs, against 118.4 in the corresponding period of 1936. The various large Federal monopolies are in a better situation now than at the same period of 1936.

PARIS BOURSE WEEKLY REVIEW

Paris, Jan. 2.

A total absence of public interest characterised the market on the Paris Bourse for the last week of the year.

Light professional trading proved to be the market's sole support during the period, and even this trading was extremely cautious.

This was due to political anxieties and the public service workers' strike, which put a stop to the timid upward trend of French issues.

However, the market proved remarkably resisting to unfavourable news, since prices only declined by mere fractions.

News from abroad was also of the unfavourable type, notably the Roumanian and Egyptian crises, and the weakness of Wall Street.

Seasoned traders are taking a pessimistic view of the situation, and point out the increasing economic retrogression in the United States, where steel output has fallen to below 20 per cent. of capacity, as compared with 77 per cent. this time last year.

The majority of issues were affected by the above factors, but Rentes proved more irregular than heavy.

Other French stocks reacted unfavourably, more or less large losses being seen in banks, chemicals an steels.

Internationals maintained their downward trend owing to the decrease in the value of raw materials.

Gold mines were practically the only stocks in this group to show a rise.—Havas.

LONDON MONEY MARKET

London, Jan. 1.

For the first time in many years the London Money Market arranged all its year-end commitments without any recourse to the Bank of England.

On the final day of 1937, borrowers paid up to 2½ per cent. at the outset, but, with clearing banks willing buyers of Treasury Bills, the short-term rate subsequently fell away to around 1 per cent.—Reuter.

SILVER QUOTATIONS

	London, Jan. 3. Dec. 31	Jan. 3
London spot	18 3/16d.	unreceived
" forward	18 5/16d.	"
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$4.99 13/16	$5.00¼
One U.S. dollar	48.018d.	47.976d.
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—Reuter.

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	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
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Atok	.16	.17
Baguio Gold	.14	.15
Batong Buhay	.0100	.0100
Benguet Consolidated	Unq.	Unq.
Big Wedge	.09	.10
Coco Grove	.36	.36
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	Unq.	Unq.
Ipo	Unq.	Unq.
Itogon	Unq.	Unq.
Ixi	.56	.57
Maasbate	Unq	.10
Paracale Gold	Unq.	Unq.
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.	Unq.
San Mauricie	Unq.	.41
Suyoc	.14	.14 *
United Paracable	Unq.	Unq.
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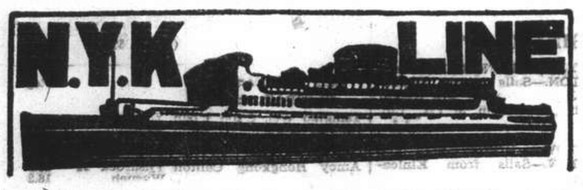

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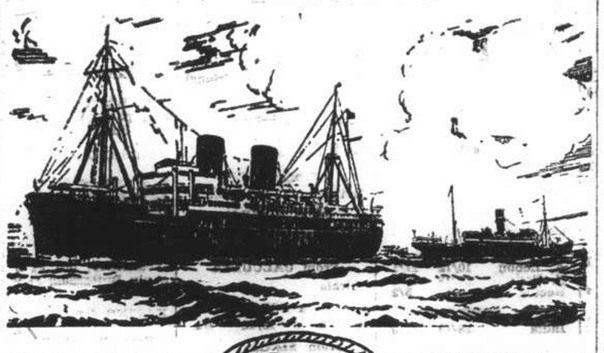

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Dec. 29	Dec. 31	Jan. 3	D'Artagnan	Jan. 5	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 14	Andre Lebon	Jan. 19	Jan. 21	Jan. 22
Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 27	Felix Roussel	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 5
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Steamer	Leave S'hai	Arrive Kobe	Steamer	Leave Kobe	Arrive U.S.
Nellore	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	PRES. COOLIDGE	Jan. 13	Jan. 26
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E/Japan	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	—	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Feb. 26
E/Asia	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	—	Mar. 12
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Noto Maru	—	N Y K
Hsin Kiangnan	Tungchow	Carlowitz
Wusueh	Tungchow	B & S

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
H Kiangnan	Ger.	Carlowitz
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From HONGKONG
Kwaisang — 4/1
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Swatow Hongkong Canton	Fausang		8.30	9.00
Aust. (Y) N.Z. (Y) Java Ports	Tjisaroea	AX	12.00	12.30
Amoy Hongkong Canton	Tjisaroea	X	12.30	13.00
Nantung	Wusueh		16.30	17.00
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Amoy Hongkong Canton	Tsinan		17.30	18.00
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5.				
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Weather, Time and Tide

Tuesday, January 4, 1938 (3rd day of 12th moon)	SICCAWEI				GUTZLAFF	
	January 2		January 3			
	16.00	21.00	4.00	9.00	9.00	14.00
Barometer inches	30.28	30.38	30.43	30.48	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.11	+0.21	+0.21	+0.23	—	—
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	+0.06	+0.13	+0.15	+0.10	—	—
Wind (direction)	NE	NNE	NNE	N	—	—
„ (miles per hour)	11.2	11.2	11.8	13.1	—	—
Temperature (Fahr.)	45.°5	38.°3	35.°4	35.°1	—	—
Humidity %	72	80	54	69	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	5	0	3	3	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report January 2	Mean 1937	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (64 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.28	+0.06	30.37
Temp. Min. 32.°5 Max. 53.°1	42.°8	—2.°3	37.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	—	—	0.09

Date	4/1	5/1	6/1	7/1	8/1	9/1	10/1	11/1	12/1
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.53	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.04	17.05	17.05	17.06	17.07	17.08	17.09	17.09	17.10
Moon rises at Shanghai	8.24	8.58	9.31	10.04	10.37	11.13	11.52	12.37	13.29
Moon sets at Shanghai	19.45	20.41	21.37	22.35	23.34	—	0.36	1.40	2.45
Flood makes Shanghai	11.30	12.25	12.57	13.45	14.35	15.29	16.30	17.45	19.10
Ebb makes Shanghai	17.09	17.37	18.05	18.39	6.35	7.45	9.14	10.37	11.46

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What United States Prestige Owes To Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State

Trusted spokesman of Mr. Roosevelt's Administration and second in prestige and influence only to the President himself, Mr. Cordell Hull holds the attention of both hemispheres when international trade treaties are on the horizon.

This article sketches briefly the career and the personality of the Secretary of State, whose most recent public announcement was the cheering intimation that "negotiations are contemplated," as between the United States and Britain, for the conclusion of a trade agreement, states Douglas Williams in the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

A story, probably apocryphal, is told of a group of international statesmen swapping yarns about their hobbies. "What is your favourite sport," one of them is reputed to have asked Mr. Cordell Hull, the American Secretary of State. "Rafting," was Mr. Hull's cryptic choice; and his reply bewildered his colleagues.

And yet there is more than a germ of credibility in the anecdote. Cordell Hull was born 65 years ago in the hills of Tennessee, in a district so remote that he was 17 years old before he saw a train.

Early Practise in "Steering His Course"

He was the son of a farmer who assisted his income by cutting timber in winter which young Cordell helped to float or "raft" down the tricky waters of the Cumberland river. And perhaps the skill and dexterity he acquired in his youth in the handling of the unwieldy logs, twisting and turning in the eddies of the swift current, have proved of service to him in his many years of public life, and have helped him to steer a clear course through the intricate negotiations he has been called upon to direct since President Roosevelt put him in charge of America's foreign policies.

As a Cabinet Minister he has been an outstanding success and amid the shifting tides of American politics he has built himself an enviable reputation for straight dealing and constructive effort.

Among foreign nations he has greatly enhanced American prestige, while at home he has won universal admiration and respect. His outstanding quality is his intellectual integrity which impresses all with whom he comes into contact, friend or foe, American or foreigner alike.

Consistent Policy

He is largely a one-idea man—in the best sense of that description—and for many years has concentrated on liberal trade policies on the theory that the cause of international peace can best be promoted by a better trade understanding between nations, by more efficient bartering and by a more sympathetic attitude towards other nations' economic problems.

Persistently under six Presidents, and during 25 years of service in Congress, he has pleaded for more broadminded tariff policies, and when he became Secretary of State in 1933 he finally got his chance to put his ideas into execution. Already he has concluded treaties with 14 nations, and the long-looked for moment has now been reached when he was able to announce that "negotiations are contemplated" in the matter of a trade agreement between the U.S. and Britain.

By 1932 American imports and exports had fallen by approximately two-thirds from their 1929 peak, partly as a result of the depression, but largely also owing to the restricting effect of the so-called Smoot Hawley Bill, which imposed higher tariffs on a number of commodities which were the prime source of livelihood to certain important foreign nations.

These naturally retaliated with similarly onerous trade barriers on American goods, and it took unremitting time and patience on the part of Mr. Hull to correct this unfortunate situation.

Not only had he to deal with suspicious foreigners, naturally sceptical of the impartiality of his motives, but he had to handle a Congress jealous of its prerogatives and reluctant to surrender any tittle of its economic functions to a newly-appointed Secretary of State.

In the case of Canada, for instance, one of Uncle Sam's most important business connections, imports had declined by 54 per cent. and exports by 66 per cent. As the result of the tariff treaty concluded with Canada, during the first half of last year, Mr. Hull estimates that imports from Canada rose from £26,000,000 to £32,000,000, exports from £32,000,000 to £36,000,000, and trade generally increased by £11,000,000—as compared to the same period in 1935.

A tall, trimly built man, white-haired and cleanshaven, Hull was originally by profession a lawyer and served as a State Judge in his native Tennessee.

Extremely modest by nature, he never mentions his fine war record of many years ago when, as a Volunteer Captain, he raised a band of mountain boys of his acquaintance and served in the Cuban War of 1898. He married late in life, in 1917, and lives quietly with his wife in a Washington hotel, entertaining little except when the Secretary's public duties demand it.

Informal and natural in his way of living, Mr. Hull makes no effort at pomp or grandeur, and if you call on him at his apartment he quite likely will open the door himself.

His favourite exercise is walking, and Washington policemen are well accustomed to see his spare figure striding along Washington streets